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## Nine killed in Ashkelon power-station disaster

All victims were foreign workers

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN and Jerusalem Post Staff

Teams from the Labor and Social Affairs Ministry and Israel Electric Corporation (IEC) will today begin investigating Friday's scaffolding collapse inside the Rotenberg Power Station in Ashkelon in which nine construction workers were killed and four others were injured, one seriously.

The identities of the victims, all of whom were foreign workers, had not been released as of last night.

The accident occurred when a construction platform the 13 workers were standing on was being lowered inside about the middle of the 250-meter tall chimney. Police said part of the scaffolding collapsed, trapping some of the workers beneath it and sending others hurtling some 100 meters to their deaths.

Israel Radio reported that the nine victims included seven Romanians, one Indian and one American. They were employed by Solel Boneh and an American company, Pullman of Kansas City.

Rescue efforts were held up for four hours, as rescue teams feared that any movement might endanger their lives and those of the trapped workers.

Fighting strong winds, Israel Air Force Bell 212 helicopters from the IAF's 669 rescue unit helped extract four trapped workers from inside the chimney. The unit also removed the nine bodies, the last of them yesterday.

The four survivors were hospitalized, the IDF spokesman said. One was admitted to Sheba Hospital at Tel Hashomer in serious condition.

The IDF spokesman said that OC Air Force Maj.-Gen. Eitan Ben-Eliah and OC Home Front Command Maj.-Gen. Gabi Ofri were at the scene to help command the day-long rescue operation.

The helicopters lowered the airmen by cables to reach the survivors trapped inside the enormous cement chimney stack. They were only able to remove eight of the dead on Friday and had to return yesterday to extract



An air force rescue team member holds a construction worker as they are lifted to safety Friday from inside the 250-meter chimney being built at the new Ashkelon power station. Nine foreign workers plunged to their deaths when an internal scaffolding collapsed, leaving four others trapped.

the last body, which had been become wedged in the superstructure by the final fall.

"One of the things we were worried about was how to make sure that the upper ramp with everything on it did not fall on one of the soldiers who were underneath it," said the commander of the IAF rescue unit, identified only as Lt.-Col. A.

"The body was lying on all sorts of things and you had to use your brain to decide which of the things to remove in order not to alter the balance and have everything fall," he told Army Radio.

IEC Director-General Rafi Peled, who rushed to the site immediately after the accident, expressed horror at what he called

"a heavy tragedy." He said it appeared that the accident was the result of a technical fault, rather than human error.

An IEC team comprising engineers and experts is investigating the technical aspects of the accident, focusing on the scaffolding, which was built by the US company Pullman Power Products.

Item adds:

The IEC power station under construction in Ashkelon will comprise two units producing 570 megawatts of electricity each, the first of which is to be operational by the middle of 2000. Due to Environment Ministry regulations, the new station's \$18 million chimneys differ from those at

the country's other power stations and are being built with a new technology, including internal "scrubbers" to remove sulphur dioxide from the exhaust gases.

The chimneys' 250m. height is designed to ensure the dispersal of gases far above population centers.

While the outside of the chimneys is built from cement, the inside is covered with a metallic sleeve, a coating necessary to withstand the corrosive effects of the chimney gases. Friday's accident occurred when workers were preparing to install a section of the internal sleeve, while two Pullman experts were supervising the lowering of their work platform.

## US summit postponed

By JAY BUSHINSKY

Tomorrow's Washington summit among Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat, and US President Bill Clinton will not take place, a US official said yesterday.

It may be rescheduled for later this month if an agreement can be reached beforehand on the IDF's next West Bank pullback.

"We are hoping that a way will be found that won't entail withdrawing from 13.1 percent of the West Bank," said David Bar-Ilan, director of communications for the Prime Minister's Office.

This weekend's talks between Netanyahu and US peace envoy Dennis Ross were regarded as a means to this end, but Bar-Ilan refused to comment about them.

An American source was quoted as saying the US side came away shocked at the depth of Netanyahu's anger over the issues aired during Friday's session, among them Hillary Clinton's public advocacy of Palestinian statehood.

"It was the most difficult meeting we ever had," the source reportedly said.

Army Radio said Netanyahu reacted "furiously" to what appeared to be an American effort to dictate the extent of the IDF's planned pullback and to Hillary Clinton's remark.

The US Embassy's press attaché, Richard Scorsia, refused to comment on the assessment.

Bar-Ilan spoke of a "chain of events" which he said were a cause of serious concern. He said the US endorsement given by former secretary of state Warren Christopher in the Note for the Record appended to the Hebron Agreement, that Israel alone would determine the extent of troop withdrawals in the West Bank, runs counter to the current American position.

"They are self-contradictory," Bar-Ilan said. "Any withdrawal is a security problem," he went on. "If we say 13.1% is not acceptable" - he referred to the US proposal accepted by the PA, but rejected by Netanyahu - this must be respected.

He described the 13.1% figure as "totally arbitrary" and contended it was "merely a way to round out" the area under PA control from 26.9% to 40% of the West Bank.

"If anybody wonders, 'why 13.1%?' the answer is that it is linked to the 26.9% constituting sectors A and B. Added to these

things," Bar-Ilan said, "came the First Lady's statement in favor of Palestinian statehood."

"We accept the explanation that this was her private opinion, but in the region the damage is irreversible. No one on the Arab side will consider it her personal point of view," Bar-Ilan said.

Referring to the White House disclaimers, Bar-Ilan contended that "the denials won't carry." He also implied that her remark was not consonant with the spirit of US-Israeli negotiations.

"Each meeting has its own rules," he said. "How can we negotiate with the Americans on the position to be taken if the Palestinians declare an independent state?"

"It will be difficult to attach importance to an American commitment on that score," he said.

"In the eyes of the region there would seem to be little point in negotiating. The impression already has been received" that deep down, the US will go along with a unilateral Palestinian move in this direction.

Netanyahu is sticking to his plans to be in the US this week for the annual AIPAC convention and also plans to stay for a meeting with the American Jewish Committee, the gala parade in New York in honor of Israel's jubilee year and talks at United Nations headquarters with Secretary-General Kofi Annan.

Political analysts expect him to take the opportunity to saturate the American media with interviews and to convey his message to the US Senate and House of Representatives.

In trying to explain his policies, Netanyahu can be expected to criticize the Clinton administration for exerting excessive pressure and issuing an ultimatum making a summit contingent on Israel's acceptance of the US proposals.

Channel 2 reported last night that Netanyahu had telephoned British Prime Minister Tony Blair over the week end for help in preventing a confrontation between Israel and the United States over the American proposal.

US State Department spokesman James Rubin said Friday in London, where Secretary of State Madeleine Albright attended meetings with the Group of Eight ministers, that Ross would remain in Israel for further talks with Netanyahu.

Rubin said they would "continue his efforts to make it possible for [tomorrow's] meeting to occur and for the peace process to be put

back on track." But Rubin acknowledged that the US is "aware of the current difficulties in making that happen."

Rubin's deputy, James Foley, said in Washington that the US has "reached the end of the road" in mediation efforts and that the only course left is the summit, or the administration will have to reevaluate its approach to the peace process.

"We do not see a purpose in holding a meeting to register a lack of agreement," Foley said. "That's the end of the road that we've arrived at in the current American effort. And we envisage such a meeting in Washington as a historic occasion to launch permanent-status negotiations, not to have another meeting for meeting's sake."

A second official offered some hope for convening the summit even if tomorrow's deadline proves unrealistic, suggesting it could be held a few days or even a few weeks later. "We're looking for a breakthrough, not a breakdown," he said.

Clinton, however, is expected Tuesday to attend the G-8 summit in Birmingham, England.

The US is also using the term "refine" to describe its proposals that Ross and Netanyahu are discussing, but still intends to prevent their being watered down, the official added.

"The problem is: If you refine it, what about the other party? What if we take it back to Arafat and he doesn't like it? Then it's back to negotiating again."

The official also said that a central challenge remains Washington's inability to discern Netanyahu's intentions for the peace process.

"There's a real problem. Israel is still a divided house. You need to have your house in order before you involve a second party, the Palestinians," he said. Ross met also with Arafat yesterday in Ramallah and said afterwards:

"There are differences that remain - the differences aren't large, but they do remain."

He added, however, that "we remain committed to try and find a way to produce a breakthrough."

Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat said Ross told Arafat he faced "major problems" with Netanyahu. "We have accepted the US proposals in principle and we continue to make every possible effort in the hopes of reviving the peace process," Erekat said.

Hillel Kuntler and Mohammed Najib contributed to this report.

## Cabinet to vote on Mofaz today

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

The cabinet is expected to vote today on the nomination of Maj.-Gen. Shaul Mofaz as the next IDF chief of general staff.

Mordechai and Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu met privately for two hours on Friday and "agreed on a candidate," according to a Defense Ministry announcement.

But the ministry did not reveal who had been chosen, most likely to head off last-minute pressure from political and military supporters of Maj.-Gen. Matan Vilnai.

Nevertheless, Mordechai's candidate is Mofaz and it has been widely reported that Netanyahu has decided not to oppose his

defense minister's choice.

Those close to the decision-makers said that further contacts were held over the weekend to decide on what steps to take to "minimize the damage" from what might be perceived as an unpopular choice to replace Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin Shahak, who retires in July.

As of last night, neither Mofaz nor Vilnai had been informed of their fate. Senior generals are said to be tense over the decision and its ramifications for the sweeping reshuffle of the next general staff.

With Mofaz at the helm, the slot of deputy chief of general staff will need to be filled. The most senior general in the IDF, after Vilnai, is OC Central Command Maj.-Gen. Uzi Dayan.

Others mentioned as possible deputies are OC Air Force Maj.-Gen. Eitan Ben-Eliah and Maj.-Gen. Amiaz Sagis, head of the Logistics and Technology Branch.

The expected reshuffle in the IDF brass is likely to be one of the most extensive ever and will give the new chief of staff an unprecedented opportunity to shape the top army echelons early in his tenure.

## Shaare Zedek scraps BA plan for nursing school

By JUDY SIEGEL

Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek Hospital has frozen imminent plans to bring the Ma'aleh Adumim branch of a small US university into its nursing school to confer a bachelor's degree in nursing - after the Council of Higher Education declared the courses "sub-standard."

The nursing school had already placed advertisements inviting

women to apply for the new program, even though the contract has not yet been signed.

The nursing school was forced to find a bachelor's degree program in nursing for its students, after the Health Ministry suddenly disqualified Bar-Ilan University's sociology degree for Shaare Zedek nursing students who wanted an academic degree in addition to a nursing license. A degree brings higher pay and faster professional advancement.

ment.

The Shaare Zedek program awarded a social science degree to nursing students for several years, but last year was ordered by the ministry to switch to Bar-Ilan's sociology department.

Shosh Riba, director of the Health Ministry's Nursing Administration, was actively involved in formulating the bachelor's degree curriculum in nursing with the University of New

England (UNE), a small university that has just 1,600 undergraduate students on two campuses in the state of Maine.

The Jerusalem Post has learned that five of the most senior ministry officials, including director-general Prof. Gabi Barabash, are paid lecturers at Ma'aleh Adumim's Michlala Le-Yisrael, the private college that represents UNE and three other small American universities. But Barabash and the min-

istry spokesman denied that there was a conflict of interest.

The Council for Higher Education said that the ministry's sudden decision to disqualify an Israeli university program for nurses was "shocking." It also warned that US academic degrees awarded by Israeli branches of foreign colleges and universities would not necessarily be recognized by the authorities here.

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## Betar J'lem takes soccer title

By DEREK FATTAL

Betar Jerusalem was crowned National League soccer champion yesterday for the second year in a row following a 1-0 victory over Maccabi Petah Tikva at the capital's Teddy Stadium, in the final round of the season's play.

Thousands of fans poured onto the pitch at the end of the match, in an unruly invasion that left eight people injured.

Hapoel Tel Aviv, Betar's rivals for the title, also registered a victory - beating Hapoel Ashkelon 3-2 - but ended the season a point behind in the standings.

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu cele-

brated the victory at Jerusalem's Safra Square with thousands of Betar supporters. Arriving following talks with US envoy Dennis Ross, Netanyahu was taken to the upper floors of City Hall, where he greeted the celebrants.

Earlier, the fans were addressed by Mayor Ehud Olmert and Betar Chairman Moshe Dadash.

In Beersheba, there was crowd violence after Hapoel Beersheba was relegated to the Second Division.

Despite a 1-0 win over Maccabi Haifa, the southern team's fate was sealed when Bnei Yehuda - the other side threatened by relegation - secured a late 2-1 victory over Ironi Rishon LeZion.

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## Israel's Dana International wins Eurovision Song Contest

Israel won the Eurovision Song Contest last night with the song "Diva" sung by Dana International, beating out the United Kingdom and Malta in a close contest, that was decided by the vote of the Former Yugoslavian Republic of Macedonia.

Israel scored 174 points, to the UK's 167 and Malta's 166.

Israel and Malta were tied before Macedonia's vote, but Israel received eight points from that country while Malta received nothing.

It was the third time that Israel has won the contest since it started competing in the event in 1973.

The two previous wins were, in 1978 with the song "Abani-bi" sung by Yizhar Cohen, and 1979, when "Hallelujah," sung by Gali Atari, took the top spot.

"Diva" lyrics were written by Yoav Ginai and the melody was composed by pop star Zvika Pitk.

Following the win, Dana, waving an Israeli flag and wearing a feather-bedecked vest over her gown, sang an encore to the cheering crowd, and said: "I want to say thank you. See you next year in Israel."

The win means that Israel is expected to host next year's competition.





## NEWS

in brief

### Japanese general visits

The head of the Japanese Ground Forces, Gen. Fuji Nava, arrives today for a visit with the Japanese peacekeeping forces in the Golan Heights UNDOF battalion. The Japanese commander will also meet with Minister of Defense Yitzhak Mordechai, Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak, and top IDF officers in the Northern Command, the army said yesterday. *Arieh O'Sullivan*

### IDF seizes drugs smuggled from Lebanon

Five kilos of drugs being smuggled from Lebanon were seized at the weekend after an army patrol spotted a breach in the security fence. The drugs, hashish and a substance believed to be heroin, were found on a 20-year-old who was seized near the security fence. The suspect, who has a criminal record, is from the Galilee village of Tuba. *Itim*

### Hamas rallies against Israel in Hebron

Hundreds of Hamas supporters rallied in Hebron yesterday against making peace with Israel. Nayef Rajoub, a Hamas activist and brother of Jibril Rajoub, the preventive security chief in the West Bank, said the Palestinian Authority is "running after a mirage" in trying to reach an accord with Israel. He slammed Arafat's acceptance of the 13% redeployment offer, saying he had given up on most of the land of Palestine. *Mohammed Najib*

### Yassin arrives in Kuwait

Sheikh Ahmed Yassin, the spiritual leader of Hamas, arrived in Kuwait last night, becoming the first Palestinian leader to visit the emirate since the 1991 Gulf War. An Associated Press photographer saw the quadriplegic Yassin, 61, as he arrived at Kuwait's airport. It was not announced that he would visit Kuwait on his tour of Moslem countries that so far has taken him to Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Iran, and the United Arab Emirates. Palestinian leaders have not been welcome in Kuwait since the PLO expressed support for Iraq shortly after its invasion of the emirate in August 1990. *AP*

### US resolution to honor Mahal

A resolution honoring the foreign volunteers who served in Israel's War of Independence has been introduced in the House of Representatives by California Congresswoman Jane Harman. The resolution by Harman, a Democrat, notes that the international corps of volunteers, known as Mahal, included 1,500 Americans, 400 Canadians, 700 South Africans, 600 Britons and contingents from 33 other countries. These volunteers served in 14 branches, supplying the fledgling IDF with pilots, naval commanders, radar technicians and tank commanders. Of them, 119 were killed in action. Harman, currently running for governor, read the resolution at the Israel 50th anniversary festival in Los Angeles last week and then presented a copy to Maurice Commanday, a Mahal leader. *Tom Tugend*

## SLA soldier killed in explosion near his home

By DAVID RUDGE

A South Lebanese Army soldier was killed in an explosion which also destroyed his home in Haneh village in the eastern sector of the security zone on Friday.

Hizbullah claimed responsibility for the incident, saying that the soldier was on his "wanted list" and had been sentenced to death. The IDF and SLA launched inquiries to try and find those responsible for carrying out the attack - the first in a long time directed specifically against a member of the SLA.

Fighting continued elsewhere with long-range mortar attacks on IDF and SLA outposts in the western and eastern sectors of the zone over the weekend.

There were no casualties in any of the incidents and IDF and SLA gunners returned fire.

Three Lebanese civilians were reported to have been wounded as a result of IDF or SLA shelling during exchanges in the western sector of the zone on Friday.

Reports from Lebanon said the three were hurt when shells fell near Mansouri village, north of the zone. The shelling was apparently in response to a Hizbullah mortar attack on IDF and SLA positions in the Hardoun area.

The attacks marked a resumption of fighting following a brief respite during the Ashoura, a holiday of mourning observed by all Shi'ites. It commemorates the martyrdom of Hussein, the grandson of the Prophet Mohammed.

Hussein was killed along with 70 family members and followers in a battle in 680 on the plain of Karbala near the Euphrates River in modern-day Iraq. The battle was a key event in Islam's eventual split into the orthodox Sunni and minority Shi'ite branches.

During one of the main rallies organized by Hizbullah in the southern suburbs of Beirut on Thursday, the organization's leader Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah pledged "Death to the great Satan, America and death to Israel."

## Thousands rally against religious coercion

By CATHERINE COHEN

Tens of thousands of demonstrators gathered in Tel Aviv's Rabin Square last night despite sporadic spurts of rain, to protest censorship of the arts by political or religious elements. coercion.

The demonstration was organized by EMI, the local artists union, and Mateh Hofesh, an umbrella organization representing various liberal groups.

The event, held under the banner "To Be a Free People in Our Land," was arranged following the Jubilee Bells controversy, involving the Batsheva Dance Company's last-minute decision not to perform an altered version of one of their dances.

"This is a struggle against coercion, aggression and censorship, not a struggle against religion or the religious," said Meretz chairman MK Yossi Sarid.

"We are brothers, united against the fanatic hardi establishment that is coming down on us," continued Sarid. "We say to them get off our back. We will not start a cultural war, but if we are coerced, we will fight and we will win."

Sarid then thanked Batsheva for not giving in to pressure from the religious, and called for equality among all segments of the population and for the separation of religion and state.

Tel Aviv Mayor Ronni Milo called the religious "parasites," vowed to continue the struggle against religious coercion, and claimed that he is ready to give up on the hardi vote in the next prime ministerial elections.

Representing the Labor Party at the rally, MK Yossi Beilin told



Thousands rally in Tel Aviv's Rabin Square for freedom from political or religious censorship of the arts. (Ron Osendorfer/Israel Sun)

demonstrators: "We don't want a cultural war, but a free culture; we don't want a religious war, but

freedom from religion. "After 50 years of giving up our rights, today there is a new understanding, and

this crowd will open a new chapter, with no intention of giving up." Among the performers at the

rally were Yehudit Ravitz, Yaffa Yarkoni, Micky Gavrielov and Danny Robas.

## Dozens held in Amman bombings

AMMAN (AP) - Police have detained dozens of suspects in connection with a recent spate of bombings in the Jordanian capital, Amman, a government official said yesterday.

Acting Minister of Information Nasser Lawzi said the detainees belonged to an extremist group but declined to identify them.

The Jordanian newspaper Al-Arab Al-Yom said the group was an

Islamic organization.

Five bombs have exploded in Amman since early March; four destroyed cars and a fifth broke windows in an English-medium private school. The cars belonged to an Arab member of the Knesset, a former Jordanian Interior Minister, a former head of Jordanian intelligence and the traffic police.

Lawzi refused to give the number of detainees, but said some had

already been released. The remainder would be charged in court next week.

A news conference will be held today, Lawzi added.

In Damascus, an official of a hard-line Palestinian group, Fatah Uprising, told the Associated Press yesterday that Jordanian police had been detaining Palestinians at random in connection with the bombings.

## Iraq's Aziz snubs Israeli journalists

By RON KAMPEAS

UNITED NATIONS (AP) - Iraq's deputy prime minister refused to acknowledge two Israeli journalists attending the yearly Atlanta gathering of contributors to Cable News Network's World Report on Friday - raising hackles among other reporters at what is otherwise a journalistic love fest.

In each case, Tariq Aziz, speaking from Baghdad via satellite hook-up, said he did not like the question - but made a point of not addressing the questioner.

Tatiana Hoffman, a reporter with Channel 2 television, asked Aziz whether Iraq would attack Israel with non-conventional weapons in case of another Gulf crisis. "Let me use the historic opportunity to speak as an Israeli journalist to a leading Iraqi politician," Hoffman preceded her question. The live broadcast was fed into UN headquarters in New York.

"Well Jane, I'm sorry, I'm not going to address this question," Aziz said, pointedly addressing CNN moderator Jane Arraf - although in other cases, he was happy to speak to the reporters directly.

It was an uncomfortable moment; CNN founder Ted Turner launched World Report 10 years ago to get broadcasters from different countries - some

technically at war - to collaborate and learn from each other.

Hoffman wanted to know: Was it the question or the fact she was Israeli? Aziz did not respond. When Arraf posed the question, Aziz said he preferred to answer questions dealing only with the UN Security Council and UN inspectors assessing Iraq's compliance with a ban on non-conventional weapons.

Subsequently, however, he let himself stray from those topics with other reporters, discussing human rights in Iraq and relations with Turkey - until another Israeli reporter spoke up.

Leah Zinder of the Israel Broadcasting Authority asked if Iraq planned on recognizing Israel once peace agreements were reached with all its neighbors.

Again, Aziz refused to comment - and to address the journalist directly.

That prompted an angry journalist from the Norwegian Broadcasting Corporation, Bjorn Hansen, to ask, "In all respect, if I repeat that question would you answer it please?" Other journalists applauded.

Aziz answered this time, condemning Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu for not acceding to a US demand to withdraw from a further 13 percent of the West Bank in order to advance negotiations with Palestinians.

## Shabbat inspectors fine flower grower

Members of Moshav Olesh were outraged yesterday, when inspectors from the Labor and Social Affairs Ministry entered the agricultural settlement and slapped a NIS 9,600 fine on a flower grower for working on Shabbat.

The flower grower was stunned because the inspectors came on to his private property and ordered him to stop working. They said that working on Shabbat was a criminal offense.

Agriculture Ministry Director-General Danny Krichman told Army Radio that the moshav members should have thrown the inspector off their property.

He said that agriculture workers would not allow religious coercion in their sector, and that the inspectors were guilty of trespassing.

Krichman added that if inspectors continued in their efforts against agricultural workers, they would be met by resistance.

The Labor and Social Affairs Ministry said after investigating the incident that had mistakenly gone to the moshav instead of a nearby nursery. *(Itim)*

## 2 die, 4 hurt in accidents

A soldier and a motorcyclist were killed yesterday and four others injured in weekend road accidents.

Ya'arit Tichner, 19 of Nahariya died and her friend Linaz Ben-Harush, 19 of Nahariya, was in serious condition after a crash near Moshav Betzet in western Galilee. Tichner, who was driving home from a pub in Shlomi, crashed into a concrete divider and the car went up in flames, police said. Tichner was burned to death, while Ben-Harush was treated for burns.

The second fatality, a motorcyclist, rammed into a security fence on the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv Highway near Shoreset yesterday. His vehicle overturned and he died on the spot, police said. He was not identified.

Another driver was seriously injured after crashing into a wall at the Morasha Intersection, and taken to Beilinson Hospital. He also was not identified.

In Jerusalem, two people were seriously injured on Friday in a head-on collision between two cars on the road between Pisgat Ze'ev and Ma'aleh Adumim. They were treated at Hadassah University Hospital, Mount Scopus. *(Itim)*

On the *shloshim* after the passing of our beloved

**YEHUDA GAULAN** י"ד

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## Tel Aviv celebrates British Week

By DOUGLAS DAVIS

LONDON — British Trade Minister Lord Clinton-Davis and Marks & Spencer managing director Lord Stone will bring a taste of "cool Britannia" to Tel Aviv this week to mark Israel's 50th anniversary.

They will lead a delegation of top British businessmen, industrialists, lawyers, media executives, designers and models to celebrate the jubilee with four days of trade exhibitions, legal conferences and cultural events.

Fashion shows featuring top British designers and concerts featuring songs from West End musicals will be among the highlights of British Week in Israel.

A film festival, a replica of a typical British High Street and exhibitions of design, culture and history, including a replica of the British crown jewels, will form the visual centerpiece of the event.

One lasting and far-reaching initiative to be launched by Marks & Spencer and the New Israel Fund during the week is a program designed to prepare the next generation of Israeli business leaders.

About 100 Israeli Jews and Arabs will travel to Britain in the context of the program — "Building Business Bridges" — over the next five years for periods of intensive study and training at the London headquarters of Marks & Spencer.

In addition to Britain's Department of Trade and Industry, other major sponsors include some of the largest business, industrial, legal and media interests in Britain. Among them are Marks & Spencer, Sky Television, Cable & Wireless, GEC, Unilever, Hilton Worldwide and Jaguar Cars. Two major London legal firms, Paines & Co and Nabarro Nathanson, are also among the sponsors.

British Week will be held at the Tel Aviv Museum square and the Performing Arts Center plaza from today until Thursday.

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Delegates to the 30-nation Hadassah International Congress plant trees Friday in the Jerusalem Corridor, devastated by a forest fire in 1995. Kneeling (from left) are Daniel Pfeffermann of Holland and Deborah Gonzalez of Cuba; standing (from left) are Dr. Karl Friedrich of Germany, Hadassah International president Deborah Kaplan of the US, Marcelo Chechik of Argentina, and Juliet Dawood of the UK.

(Joe Malcolm)

## Weizman to award Wolf Prizes today

By JUDY SIEGEL

The Wolf Prizes for 1998 will be presented today in the Knesset by President Ezer Weizman. Forty of the world's most eminent scientists — all Wolf Prize recipients — will meet in Jerusalem tomorrow and Tuesday to mark Israel's jubilee and the 20th anniversary of the award, established in 1978 by Ricardo Wolf.

The conference, to be held at the Laromne Hotel, will be an unusual exchange among scientists, some of them also Nobel Prize laureates, who have made exceptional contributions in the fields of agriculture, mathematics, medicine, and physics.

Among them will be Prof. Stanley Prusiner, who discovered prions, the biological cause of infection that led to the identification of Mad Cow Disease; Dr. Carl Djerassi, who developed the contraceptive pill; Nobel laureate (in medicine) Sir James Black, who developed beta blockers (now a conventional treatment to control high blood pressure) and cimetidine (against ulcers); Jean Pierre Changeux of the College of France who wrote about neural networks;

Prof. Benoit Mandelbrot, the father of fractal geometry, which builds on shapes having identical structure at all scales and has had major implications on computer graphics and art in general; Olek Hornykiewicz, whose discovery of dopamine deficiency in the brain of Parkinson's disease patients led to levodopa treatment of the disorder; and Jozef Stefan Schnell, whose pioneering work in genetic engineering in plants promises to revolutionize agricultural production.

The international Wolf Prize conference, conceived by Technion chemistry professor Ehud Keinan, will include a symposium on science and ethics and former prime minister MK Shimon Peres will present the keynote address. At the end of the conference on Tuesday afternoon, elementary school children who take part in activities at the Recanati National Museum of Science in Haifa will ask the Wolf Prize laureates questions about their research and more general queries on their world view. The two-day marathon of 60 scientific lectures will be attended by the best and brightest scientists and students from throughout Israel.

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In warmup for economic summit

# Industrial nations swipe at Japan, Serbia

By JEFFREY ULBRICH

LONDON (AP) - The world's richest nations took a swipe at Japan, imposed sanctions on Serbia, warned the US to keep an eye on its economy and touched on Middle East peace yesterday, all part of a warmup exercise for the upcoming eight-nation summit.

Foreign and finance ministers from the US, Britain, France, Germany, Canada, Italy, Japan and Russia came together for two days to narrow the focus for their boss-

es, who will hold their annual economic summit.

In the biggest tangible action, five of the six nations that make up the Contact Group for the Balkans decided to freeze funds held abroad by the Yugoslav and Serbian governments and to stop all new investment in Serbia - the latest in a series of sanctions trying to get talks started in the increasingly violent province of Kosovo.

All the ministers expressed their concern over the bloodshed, rejecting both "excessive use of

force" by the Serb-dominated government forces and "terrorism and the supply of arms to terrorists" among the ethnic Albanians, who make up 90 percent of the province's people.

Russia, long the ally of the Serbs, dissociated itself from the sanctions, although it continues to press Belgrade.

Said French Foreign Minister Hubert Vedrine: "No country believes the status quo is tolerable."

All eight countries expressed concern at the lack of progress in

the Middle East, particularly in view of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's refusal so far to accept American conditions for continuation of the peace talks.

But, said US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, "I have not yet taken 'no' for an answer."

As for Japan, the economic powers worried that the country's \$125 billion stimulus package is insufficient to get things going again domestically, thus becoming the engine for Asian economic recovery.

Brown said the finance ministers had "noted there would be further progress by the Japanese, but others said bluntly it couldn't come fast enough."

Perhaps as a sop to Japan, the ministers also noted that the American economy, barreling along at the speed of light, bears close watching as well, needing "vigilance to stay on a sustainable path."

British Prime Minister Tony Blair is trying to return next week's Birmingham summit to the original idea of these annual confabs, making them low-key infor-

mal talks on the world's weightiest matters.

Over the years, they have ballooned into extravaganzas involving a cast of thousands.

Blair hopes that by preceding the summit with ministerial meetings, the leaders can focus on a smaller number of very significant issues.

Both foreign and finance ministers dealt extensively with the Asian economic crisis, which also will be a major focus in Birmingham.

Dominique Strauss-Kahn and Brown, his British counterpart, stressed the need to address the social consequences of recovery plans imposed by the International Monetary Fund, particularly in Indonesia and South Korea.

"We are now seeing... the social problems that have arisen from the financial difficulties becoming every day more manifest in the Asian countries," Brown said.

New IMF programs, he said, will contain social elements that will help alleviate the worst of the difficulties.

## US envoys sent to mediate dispute over Kosovo

By NISHA SAVIC

BELGRADE (AP) - As Serbia faced fresh sanctions for refusing to talk peace in Kosovo, the two top American envoys for the Balkans arrived yesterday for surprise talks with Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic.

Richard Holbrooke, who brokered the 1995 peace in Bosnia, warned of the danger of a wider Balkan war and said Kosovo's deteriorating situation had led US President Bill Clinton and US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright to send him to the federal capital of Belgrade.

More than 150 people have died since February 28, when Serbian police began a crackdown on Albanian militants who are waging

an increasingly violent fight against Serbian rule in the southern province.

Ethnic Albanians, 90 percent of Kosovo's 2 million people, seek independence from Serbia, which together with the province of Montenegro comprises what is left of Yugoslavia.

Milosevic has so far refused independence and has rejected foreign mediation for any talks with the Albanians, who have started under police and army rule since being stripped of broad autonomy in 1989.

The previously unannounced visit by Holbrooke and US envoy for the Balkans Robert Gelfand showed pressure is mounting on Milosevic to open negotiations.

The US, the European Union and

Canada announced in London that they would impose an investment ban on Serbia to try to persuade Belgrade to open negotiations.

They exempted the smaller Montenegro.

"There are elements of extreme danger and volatility, which if not reversed, and checked, can spread across international borders," Holbrooke said of Kosovo. He gave no time for the talks with Milosevic, saying he would meet first with Foreign Minister Zivadin Jovanovic.

Meanwhile, up to 20,000 Albanians demonstrated for independence in Pristina, Kosovo's capital, for the first time chanting support for the militant group waging an increasingly violent struggle against Serbian rule.

## Indonesian unrest claims first fatality

By CHRISTOPHER TORCHIA

YOGYAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) - Police battled rock-throwing students with clubs and tear gas yesterday while President Suharto appealed for an end to violent campus protests against his 32-year rule and the worsening economy.

The clashes in Yogyakarta claimed the first life in fighting between students and police, a 41-year-old businessman caught up in a melee Friday. The Legal Aid Society said he was clubbed to death by police. Police called the circumstances of his death unclear.

In a sign the confrontations are intensifying, local residents joined student protesters in the third straight day of clashes with police in Yogyakarta, 420 kilometers east of the capital, Jakarta.

Some 300 students from the Islamic Teaching Institute hurled rocks at riot police around the campus and in nearby streets already filled with glass, rocks and burned tires from previous days.

The students scattered into small bands as club-swinging police chased them, in one case onto the grounds of a mosque.

Water cannon were deployed before the institute.

Police Lt. Col. Erwin Tobing said about 20 people were being interrogated, but no one had been formally arrested.

Earlier, Suharto left for Cairo for a summit of developing countries, a signal he feels the country is under control. It was the 76-year-old leader's first trip abroad since November, when doctors told him to ease his schedule.

"I hope the people of Indonesia will not sacrifice the national stability that we have achieved," Suharto said. "The security forces will take action against whoever disturbs and ruins national stability."

Suharto ruled out an immediate Cabinet reshuffle and said that guidelines adopted by the assembly that elected him to a seventh five-year term in March set out reforms that "we have to carry out."

Hours after his departure, police scuffled with about 100 students who marched onto a Jakarta highway and blocked



Students shout 'reform' while blocking traffic in Jakarta yesterday, before being dispersed by riot police. (AP)

traffic while shouting, "Reform!" Officers in helmets used riot shields to shove the demonstrators into an alley.

"It's time for the end of the Suharto era," said Sulaiman Haikal, 21, a philosophy student. A protest by rock-throwing students in Bandung was also reported as the nation of 200 million people suffered its worst unrest in decades.

Frustration is growing with Suharto's long rule and the economic crisis in Asia that has hit Indonesia harder than any other country. This week's riots were triggered by cuts in fuel subsidies that sent gasoline prices up 71 percent.

Some legislators in the normally docile parliament demanded

Friday that the energy minister resign. The deputy speaker, Lt. Gen. Syarwan Hamid, said the nation could collapse.

An uproar ensued when officials of oil company Pertamina, believed to be benefiting from the price hikes, refused to name shareholders said to include Suharto family members.

In Washington, the International Monetary Fund praised the government for braving the unrest. The IMF has demanded an end to the subsidies as part of economic reforms demanded in a \$43 billion bailout of the country.

Indonesian officials vowed to reform the economy quickly as the US Export-Import Bank

announced \$1 billion in export credits.

Ethnic Chinese shopowners in the northern city of Medan, who were targeted by mobs that burned and looted their stores when the subsidy cuts took effect, armed themselves with iron stakes and swords yesterday to defend their property overnight.

The rioting in Medan was largely quelled Thursday by army reinforcements.

Yesterday soldiers sold rice to long lines of people running short of staples after many of the Chinese - traditional scapegoats in times of hardship - closed their shops.

Many fled the city or went into hiding.

## Elizabeth Dole for US president?

By RON FOURNIER

WASHINGTON (AP) - With a lyrical speech about America's "pornographic culture" and "that simple gift" of more innocent times, Elizabeth Dole joins 700 Republican women to their feet.

One of them races to the nearest microphone. "I sat on the dais with the first woman president of the United States!" bubbles Phyllis Hill Slater, a New York business owner.

Amid this orgy of adulation last month, Dole flashes an aw-shucks smile and shakes her head side to side - seeming to dismiss the notion of a White House bid.

Yet all the demurring in the world will not slow supporters and star-struck Republicans from dreaming up "Other Dole" scenarios for 2000.

"Elizabeth Dole is one of the brightest stars in the Republican Party constellation," said Ralph Reed, a leading GOP strategist. "There is a tremendous amount of anticipation and buzz at the grassroots about whether she might be considering running for president or potentially being a vice presidential nominee."

Republicans can't forget her show-stopping performance at the 1996 presidential convention, where she wandered among delegates to talk "about the man I love."

That man, husband Bob Dole, lost the presidency in an uninspiring campaign that did more for Elizabeth Dole's political future than his. Republicans respect her resume of solid service, including cabinet positions under presidents Ronald Reagan and George Bush and her current job as president of the American Red Cross.

And Republicans relish the theory that

Elizabeth Dole is a rare GOP figure who combines high name recognition with potential to bridge the gap between religious and economic conservatives.

So they set aside for now all the reasons a successful Dole-2000 campaign is unlikely. They like to focus instead on what just might happen.

"It might. She could win," said Cindi Williams, a Capitol Hill aide who headed Elizabeth Dole's campaign staff. "If Elizabeth Dole ran, it would not only be historic - because she would be the first viable woman to run for president - but I think it would mix up the whole race."

Democrats, who rely on female votes to win the presidency, wonder if she would pull women voters away.

"She has a lot of obvious appeal to people who would close the gender gap, and not just because she's a woman," said media consultant Bob Squier, an adviser to presumed 2000 candidate US Vice President Al Gore.

But will she run? Dole's friends and political allies are betting no, but they say she might be talked into it. She is highly ambitious and self-confident, yet one close friend said she doesn't have "the fire inside" - at least not yet - for the rigors of a presidential campaign.

In any event, Dole would be on any GOP nominee's short list of vice presidential candidates.

"I've said I'm not going to run, and I have no plans to run," she said in a recent interview. And she did not dispute a quote attributed to her in 1997: "We may well see a woman as president in our lifetime. But it won't be Elizabeth Dole in 2000."

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# IRA breakaways declare end to ceasefire with British

By ELAINE MONAGHAN

DUBLIN (Reuters) - A small group of Irish Republican Army hardliners has broken away from the outlawed organization in protest at the Northern Ireland peace settlement and declared a new war against British rule.

The group, whose firepower is thought to be small, announced the move in a statement to the *Irish Independent* newspaper in Dublin and the *Irish Times* in Belfast.

"A war machine will once again be directed against the British cabinet," the statement, published yesterday, said.

It said a ceasefire announced in July by what it called the old leadership was over, and rejected a recent vote that amended the IRA's constitution to allow republicans to take seats in new Northern Irish bodies. For the new group, the deal signed on April 10 is an irrelevance as it failed to end the island's partition and rid it of British rule, which is the IRA's dream.

The group called itself *Oglagh na hEireann* (pronounced Oglae-na-hare-un), the Irish name used by the modern mainstream IRA and meaning literally Irish Volunteers.

It said its comrades-in-arms had utterly betrayed the fight for Irish self-determination by deciding to allow politicians to sit in a new Northern Irish assembly.

Britain's Northern Ireland Secretary Mo Mowlam declared that "we will not be intimidated by them or anybody else."

"Our level of security will be such that we will do all we can to thwart whatever they try and do," she said in Belfast.

The new IRA opposes Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams' attempts to coax members of his legal party round to seeing the peace deal as a stepping stone to Irish unity.

Sinn Fein delegates are expected to change their constitution at a meeting in Dublin today to allow members to take part in a new Northern Irish assembly.

Sinn Fein is seen as the political wing of the mainstream IRA,



Britain's Northern Ireland Secretary of State Mo Mowlam talks with a Belfast woman yesterday about the Northern Ireland peace agreement during a short visit around the city center. (AP)

which has split several times since it was founded in the 1900s to overturn British rule.

Other breakaway groups which have not signed up to the IRA's ceasefire include the Irish National Liberation Army and the Continuity IRA or Continuity Army Council.

While the new group is much smaller than the main IRA and described by republican sources as disorganized and weak, Irish police regard it as the most serious threat to peace.

"They are stuck to them like glue. They can't even go to the toilet without police following," a security source said.

He noted the discovery of a replica rocket launcher among a cache of weapons at an attempted hijack

near Dublin recently as a sign that their firepower was limited.

There has been no evidence so far of the dissidents having access to the IRA's arsenal of weapons - including its most feared element, Semtex explosive, he added. "They are still trying to grab people and convince and cajole them," he said.

But any more defections, especially by two 'engineers' or bombing experts still in the mainstream IRA, could pose a real threat, he added.

"They are being taken very, very seriously and police are very worried about what they could do."

The new group, estimated to number between 50 and 100, is thought to have been behind a

series of attempted bombings in recent months.

Police have foiled several attacks in the Irish republic, where most of their support lies.

One of the most worrying things about the new group is media reports that the IRA's quartermaster general was among defectors to it last year.

The dissidents are described in local media as sharing the views of the 32 County Sovereignty Committee, a pressure group set up to oppose the peace deal.

A spokesman said the committee had not formulated a response to the new 'IRA'. He said the Committee continued to oppose talks with Britain until it had been forced to remove itself from the island.

# US tobacco industry settles suit for \$6.6 billion

By STEVE KARNOWSKI

ST. PAUL, Minnesota (AP) - Big Tobacco already has shelled out more than \$26 billion to keep lawsuits in three states from going to court.

A fourth case made it through trial and was nearly ready for a jury's consideration when the industry found the price tag to bring it to a close: another \$6.6 billion.

The settlement Friday between tobacco companies and Minnesota and its largest health insurer came only hours before the case was to go to a jury following more than three months of testimony.

The state and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota had been seeking \$1.77 billion in compensation for treating smoking-related diseases and unspecified billions more in punitive damages.

Minnesota State Attorney General Hubert Humphrey III said the deal tells Congress the tobacco companies should pay out much more than they originally offered last June under a proposed \$368.5 billion settlement with states across the country.

Minnesota would have received about \$4 billion under that proposal. "Today, Minnesota sets a new standard for the nation," Humphrey said. "The magnitude

of these payments breaks the mold of Big Tobacco's sweetheart deal."

By settling, the defendants chose not to take the risk that the jury might impose even higher costs.

The plaintiffs chose to go with a sure thing rather than risk getting less - or nothing at all.

R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company said it settled "because we concluded that it would be extremely difficult to reach a fair outcome, based on what we believe are a series of incorrect rulings by the court favoring the state, which in essence placed a loaded gun to our head."

Minnesota became the fourth state to settle with the tobacco industry over the costs of treating smoking-related illnesses.

Mississippi settled for \$3.36 billion, Florida for \$1.1 billion and Texas for \$1.53 billion. Before Minnesota, only Texas' case went as far as jury selection. Thirty-seven states have lawsuits pending.

Minnesota pursued its lawsuit further than any other state, forcing the tobacco companies to release 39,000 secret documents detailing manipulation of nicotine, marketing to children, destruction of documents and attempts by lawyers to control research.

In addition to the \$6.6 billion payment, the major tobacco companies agreed to ban marketing to

minors, eliminate the industry-supported Council for Tobacco Research, stop the industry-paid placement of tobacco products in movies nationwide, and restrict the sale of promotional merchandise, such as caps and jackets, in the state.

US President Bill Clinton said Minnesota's settlement, like the earlier agreements, "will help us combat tobacco industry marketing to kids. This action provides still further momentum to our effort to pass bipartisan, comprehensive tobacco legislation this year."

That legislation has been stalled in Congress due to disputes such as whether the tobacco companies should get immunity from other lawsuits.

The tobacco industry said the Minnesota deal, which will pay out over the next 25 years, showed the limits of using the courts as a forum for the debate over tobacco's place in society.

Judy Segel adds: Amos Hansner, legal adviser of the Israel Society for the Prevention of Smoking, welcomed the Minnesota agreement as a pioneering deal. He said that proportionately Israel, with a population of nearly 6 million, could sue local and foreign tobacco firms for \$10 billion, and that the Minnesota agreement had "far-reaching implications."

## The 'Lizard of Oz'

MELBOURNE (AP) - The "Lizard of Oz," the latest dinosaur discovered in Australia, made its public debut yesterday in the scientific world.

Western Australian Museum dinosaur expert John Long unveiled the two-meter meat-eating beast's name and vital statistics.

"I'm calling it 'Ozaptor' - the Lizard of Oz," Long said. The dinosaur's name will become official when his discovery is published in the museum's records next month, a process that formalizes the name.

Only a single bone of the animal has been discovered, but Long said the specimen's unique features proved it was clearly different from anything else in the world.

"It lived about 175 million years ago in the Jurassic period, so it's one of the oldest dinosaurs known from Australia in age and the only known meat-eater at that age from anywhere in Australia," he said.

The bone was found about 30 years ago near Geraldton, about 400 kms. from Perth by a group of students. But it was mislabeled at the University of Western Australia as a possible turtle bone until Long pulled it out of the rock it was embedded in.

"I saw this bone and recognized it as something interesting and prepared it out of the rock - I then saw it was clearly a dinosaur," he said. The bone was the end of a tibia, where the foot attached to the leg.

"Because of that, the attachments to the bones are very complicated and there are a number of diagnostic features in that area which enable you to distinguish this dinosaur as being different from all the other dinosaurs," he said.

Annan in Rwanda:

## There's a 'limit to patience'

By NICHOLAS KOTCH

KAMPALA (Reuters) - UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan implicitly warned Rwanda yesterday that the world body was losing its patience and might "cut its losses" unless cooperation improved.

Speaking in Uganda after his humiliating treatment by the Rwandan government, Annan said he would protest about the expulsion of a UN human rights worker.

"There may come a time when we may have to cut our losses and focus where we can do useful work," he told a news conference on the penultimate leg of an eight-nation African tour.

"If governments do not want to work with the United Nations and the international organizations, there is a limit as to what you can do and there is also a limit to patience," he said.

Rwanda sharply criticized both Annan and the UN during his tense visit there on Thursday and Friday.

The country's president, vice-president and prime minister all boycotted their official dinner for the UN secretary-general on the grounds that his speech to parliament was "arrogant, insensitive and insulting."

In his remarks yesterday Annan did not mention Rwanda by name.

But he spoke in answer to a question about whether the UN would start standing up for itself after his treatment there and after

the announced expulsion of Jose Luis Herrero, spokesman for the UN high commissioner for human rights field operation in Rwanda.

"The suggestion in your question is something that probably is going to happen if things continue this way," he replied.

Herrero, a Spaniard, told Reuters in Kigali on Friday he had been summoned to the Foreign Ministry the day before and told "his presence in the country was undesirable or security grounds."

The government confirmed yesterday it had decided to expel Herrero, the Rwandan News Agency reported.

His offense was to have publicly voiced his agency's objections to Rwanda's public execution on April 24 of 25 prisoners convicted over the 1994 genocide.

Annan expressed surprise that he was not briefed about the case by his Kigali staff during his visit and that the government did not mention the expulsion order during talks with him.

"We definitely will protest, we always do," he said.

Rwanda's government blames the UN for failing to prevent or stop the 1994 genocide of an estimated 800,000 minority Tutsis and moderate Hutus by hardline Hutus.

Annan has insisted that the UN did little in 1994 because there was no political will among important member states to intervene militarily.

# Italy mud slide death toll increases to 116

By MARIO LAPORTA

SARNO, Italy (Reuters) - Blazing sunshine cast a dark shadow over Italy's landslide-hit south yesterday as the mud solidified and made the search for survivors ever more hopeless.

As rescue workers continued hauling bodies out of the debris, officials put the death toll at 116 and said almost 1,500 people had been made homeless in one of Italy's worst natural disasters in years.

Most were killed in Sarno, where a man was pulled out alive on Friday after being buried up to his neck in rubble for three days.

The discovery of Roberto

Robustelli, 22, raised hopes more survivors might be found. But as emergency workers laid row upon row of coffins in a Sarno school gym, those hopes faded.

Excavation efforts were hampered because dumps where debris was being tipped had filled up, forcing lorries to drive ever further from the disaster site to empty the waste.

Italian Prime Minister Romano Prodi, who was visiting the United States when torrential rain sent rivers of mud coursing through the impoverished region of Campania, returned home and cleared his diary to devote all his attention to the crippled zone.

"The prime minister... has decided to suspend all national engage-

ments which would have taken him away from Rome so he can personally follow developments in the Campania areas hit by the landslides," a statement from Prodi's office said.

Prodi flew back from the US yesterday and went straight into a ministerial meeting on the tragedy, which was triggered when days of driving rain sent mud and topsoil gushing down mountainsides.

The government, which has set aside \$5 billion (€30 million) to aid initial relief and reconstruction efforts, has borne the brunt of the mud-slinging which invariably follows natural disasters in Italy.

Politicians, local officials and the media have accused the gov-

ernment of failing to stop illegal construction or of taking steps to reverse the environmental imbalance in the poor south.

They say the government was so busy cutting costs to qualify for the European Union's single currency that it neglected the south, or Mezzogiorno.

The government has declared a state of emergency in three provinces and is to fly the flag at half-mast throughout the country tomorrow.

Italian media have dubbed the disaster the "Pompeii of the year 2000," a reference to the volcanic eruption that buried thousands of people in volcanic ash near Naples in 79 CE.

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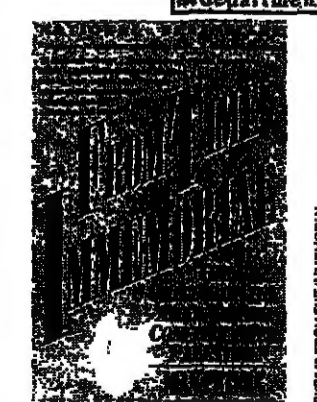
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# TV marriage: The kiss of death

So we hear Fran Fine is getting married to her employer, Mr. Sheffield, on CBS's *The Nanny*. On NBC's *Friends*, Ross is apparently heading down the aisle as well, though it looks as though he'll be making the trip with Emily, not Rachel.

This being spring and, more to the point May sweeps, everybody seems to be popping the question. Bad idea.

You think the odds are against a successful marriage in America — 50-50 at best? Try primetime sitcoms and romantic comedies in the '90s. Or, rather, don't.

They are the longest of long shots for the marrying kind, a hostile environment for beautiful dreamers.

Even Brandon and Kelly, whom we first met as kids on Fox Broadcasting's *Beverly Hills, 90210*, who also appear to be saying "I do," have a better chance.

When a program that's been around for a while, like *The Nanny*, decides to marry its leads, it usually signals the beginning of the end. Viewers know this and may even show up in large numbers.

But they're generally more interested in something else — the chase. Romance, even in the most ludicrous situation comedy or similarly escapist fare, is far more appealing and classically successful in its courtship stages. It's that Sam-and-Diane dynamic of *Cheers*, the rat-a-tat bluster and banter of *Moonlighting*.

Sam and Diane never got it together on *Cheers*. Maddie got pregnant and lost the child. But they never got married — to each other, at least.

There's a certain amount of freedom that goes with single life, one that apparently extends to the half-hour television format. You can go out, be with different people, shirk responsibility, make your own schedule, pursue your career, even move.

Get married, settle down and your show is as good as over. If you didn't start married, you can't get married. Actually, you can, but the chances that you'll stay married or that your show

will stay on the air more than one season drop precipitously.

Some producers have their characters chicken out at the last minute, grabbing the time-in but risking ill will on the part of fans who feel cheated.

Even Paul and Jamie Buchman, the generally happily married couple of NBC's hit *Mad About You*, flirted with divorce, made marital mistakes — which would have been unthinkable in the days of *The Dick Van Dyke Show* — just to keep things interesting.

Married couples are encouraged to have their problems, but not too many of them. And they must be resolved at some point (preferably by the end of the episode), otherwise it's too much like real life, and the audience doesn't want to see that.

The only way out is to call it quits — especially if you have a spinoff on the way.

Do you really think NBC's *Frasier* would have been the success it is if Dr. Crane had dragged Lilith along?

No, primetime loves people starting over.

Rhoda had to do it years ago, a pioneer even if it was spinning off from *The Mary Tyler Moore Show*.

These days, it's the set-up in *Veronica's Closet*.

The alternatives: It would be nice to think that viewers and the people who write television series are capable of being adults about separation, divorce and remarriage. But, again, there doesn't seem to be much if any proof of it out there.

A change in marital status can appear in the middle of a show's history without creating ratings havoc. And it's always preferable if you're widowed (*The Gregory Hines Show*) rather than divorced.

Whether this all says something about us as a society or merely as habitual consumers of a certain kind of product is difficult to determine.

Whatever the case, it can't be good.

So Fran, Brandon, Ross... We've got one question. Are you sure? Are you really sure?

This is your life we're talking about. (The Hartford Courant)



Do viewers really want to see 'Beverly Hills 90210's Brandon (Jason Priestley) tie the knot?

## 'Fever' heats up London stage

By PAUL MAJENDIE

The disco classic *Saturday Night Fever* that immortalized white suits, black shirts and gold medallions, was given its world stage premiere on Tuesday night, 21 years after the film's release.

Australian Adam Garcia, fresh from his stage role in *Grease*, took the part that made John Travolta a Hollywood superstar.

On a night rich in pop nostalgia, the Bee Gees — whose music was a vital ingredient in the success of the disco classic — were there to give the show a standing ovation and pay tribute to the unknown who stepped out from behind Travolta's shadow.

Bee Gee Barry Gibb said of Garcia after the show: "He looks like Travolta and moves like Travolta. He is one of the best dancers I have ever seen. You can't take your eyes off him."

His brother Maurice agreed: "Adam was fantastic. What energy. He is a great dancer."

Robin Gibb, third of the brothers in the group who have sold 50 million albums of the music, said: "It is certainly nice to see people embracing our music. 'How Deep Is My Love' has always been my favorite song in this."

The Seventies returned to London's West End theaterland with a vengeance.

Even Bjorn Ulvaeus and Benny Andersson from superstar group Abba were there to relive what was known as the decade that taste forgot.

"This is not just a swing in fashion. These are classic pop songs," Ulvaeus said. "Lennon and McCartney and the Bee Gees are the best and most consistent songwriters. I am green with envy," he said at the glittering premiere.

On a night when stars jostled for attention, one of the biggest camera scrums descended on Fergie, the Duchess of York, who accompanied impresario Robert Stigwood to the show.

(Reuters)

## CDs: The perils of perfection

By MICHAEL AIZENSTADT

Records first appeared on the market more than a century ago.

Over the decades one was able to build a library of first-rate performances mastered in a unique way and enjoy them at will. Beethoven for breakfast, Cage for lunch, Wagner for dinner is one possible combination in a fathomless ocean of musical fare.

Today's compact discs are a real joy, but I still remember that when I listened to the first CDs on the market, I had problems with the somewhat metallic, too-perfect sound. It was less personal than the old LPs.

But I soon became used to it and ultimately became addicted to this perfect sound. Today, as engaging as LPs are, the CD is the most enjoyable music recording possibility on the market.

But as much as recordings of all kinds are a delight, they also pose a real danger.

There are so many all-too-perfect recordings available on CD, that they have taken something out of the concert-going experience.

Well-mastered CDs present a

perfectly balanced and artfully produced sound which is impossible to recreate in a live performance. But the average music lover who hears a CD wants to hear the same so-called perfection in a live concert as well.

When the live performance is different, these audience members feel cheated.

Moreover, we purchase discs of superstars whom we are seldom able to enjoy live. Their performance on disc is usually impeccable, not to mention much more intriguing than the average musician we see live.

Record companies have been building their own superstars for years, but have they been damaging the industry more than helping it?

Are music lovers intelligent enough to dissociate what they hear on disc from what they hear in live concerts? Not necessarily.

Even if they do, they are not ready to settle for second best. And why should they? If they can't have the best, they would rather stay away from it altogether.

I love listening to discs; it brings me great joy. But it will never replace the live concert-going experience for me.

That said, I am well aware that the CD market has been exploiting itself, not to mention the classical music field.

The classical music business today has been shaped by the large CD companies. They create the stars as well as the repertoire these stars perform. While the initial aim of the recordings was to capture the essence of a live performance for posterity, it has become the way of life around.

The essence of the recording has become to set a trend and to make money in a business in which there is a lot of money, if not as much as, for example in the pop world.

The Jerusalem Music Center's International Symposium on Recordings and the Record (today through Thursday) will tackle various issues relating to classical discs and the industry.

Hopefully, the debate will teach us something about the future and not just reiterate known facts.

And perhaps the symposium can provide us with some answers as to the status of the local recording business — i.e., why no local CD company has captured for posterity the musical riches of our land and its first-rate musicians.

## Capitalizing on the nation's grief

Sabra Sounds



By Emily Hauser

Each of the compilations under consideration today is tremendously problematic — both artistically and ethically. Hed Artzi's *Livkot lecha* (Crying for You), subtitled "A Collection of Songs in Memory of Those who have Fallen" and NMC's *Ki ha'adam etz ha'sadeh* (Because Man is a Tree in the Field), subtitled "Songs for Remembering," are jockeying for a very particular spot on the listener's shelf. I have to wonder how seemingly the rivalry is.

LIVKOT LECHA  
Various Artists  
(Hed Artzi)

KI HA'ADAM ETZ  
HA'SADEH  
Various Artists  
(NMC)

Both of the two-disc albums are chock-full of utterly depressing songs, meant to evoke and memorialize Israel's many traumas. (My Israeli-born husband took one look at the track listing on *Livkot lecha* and said "Wow, listening to this would really finish you off.")

Both come with well-produced, but appropriately grim packaging and liner notes, and both sell for about NIS 100 — a good deal, if that's what you're looking for.

The question is, just how right is it to try to out-earn the competition by capitalizing on the nation's grief?

I also have to wonder who would buy either set. Are these companies hoping to corner the memorial committee market? The post-shiva market? Radio stations were probably grateful for their promotional copies (always handy to have all the sad

songs in one place when the nation's mood plummets), but they're not going to go out and buy a thousand copies each.

Assuming that there are people for whom the contents of these compilations are important enough that they choose to ignore the companies' unsavory grab for cash — how are they to decide which one to buy? Nearly half of Hed Artzi's 41 tracks and NMC's 42 tracks are the same songs performed by different artists. You'd have to stand in your record shop and ask yourself if you'd rather mourn to the strains of Aviv Geffen singing Hed Artzi title track "Livkot lecha," or to NMC's Arik Einstein version? Shoshana Damari's "Bab el-Wad" or Yaffa Yarkoni's? You get the idea.

The very structure of the compilations also leaves me scratching my head in wonder. One thing this country has always known is that mourning must lead to catharsis — as the entire nation has done time and again — after which one has to move on. Official days of mourning are always ended on radio with a gentle easing back into cheerful music, and on television with the slow re-introduction of upbeat broadcasts. Yet, NMC and Hed Artzi seem to want to leave us in a state of perpetual despair, with heart-breaking tune leading to heart-breaking tune and no let up, anywhere.

To top it off, many of these songs can be found on any number of other compilations — not least of which are those released by the same two companies in honor of the jubilee.

Sadly, we will always have reasons to grieve, as individuals and as a nation. Music has always been a source of comfort to mourners, often providing one of the best artistic expressions of the inexpressible.

Does this mean that our leading record companies should try to carve out a niche market and make a quick buck? I think not.

If they had really wanted to honor the dead, Hed Artzi and NMC should have combined their efforts, made a united front, and offered one dignified set, at cost, as a service to the nation of which they are a part. Clearly, though, dignity wasn't in the cards.

TOWER RECORDS' TOP 15				
THIS LAST WEEKS ON WEEK CHARTS		ARTIST	TITLE	
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#4	2	2	MASSIVE ATTACK	MEZZANINE
#5	7	9	MICHA SHEETRIT	MASMEFIM VE...
#6	3	6	BEN ARTZI	HAIM MESHELL ATZMI
#7	4	18	HAIM MOSHE	HATMUNFT SHIE...
#8	10	6	VIA	AVODA IVRIT
#9	9	5	DANA INTERNATIONAL	DIVA - BEST OF
#10	5	11	CELINE DION	LET'S TALK ABOUT LOVE
#11	11	4	VIA	NOW 39
#12	8	8	Q.S.T	TITANIC
#13	13	4	VIA	GADALNU YACHAD
#14	RE	1	EVAL GOLAN	BILADAYICH
#15	14	9	MADONNA	RAY OF LIGHT

Tower Records' top-selling albums for last week.

## Golden age of modern jazz sets the standard



By David Isaacson

If you've never heard Art Blakey's 1963 rendition of "Summertime" — including solos by Sonny Stitt and McCoy Tyner, that might be because it's never been released here, before now.

Hed Artzi's new, high-profile compilation *Jazz Is: Standards* includes discoveries like this and Ben Webster's 1960 "Stella by Starlight" (complete with a somewhat unconvincing string section), what unconvincing string section, old favorites like Coltrane's "Nancy (with the Laughing Face)" and some unexpected diamonds like Chet Baker's "These Foolish Things."



From left: John Coltrane, Count Basie and Chet Baker all feature on 'Jazz Is Standards.'

*Jazz Is: Standards* is the first of a three-part series designed, according to its compiler and editor, Avisar Savir, "to open a window into the world of jazz for people who don't know what it's about."

This disc doesn't just open the window, it throws down the shutters and claims the day.

Opening with the swing of Count Basie's 1962 "Oh, Lady Be Good," it progresses through the blue moods of Ahmad Jamal's 1958 "No Greater Love" and the

wild scarlets of Roy Haynes's 1962 "Fly Me to the Moon" before finishing with something really

special: A seven-minute-plus Sonny Rollins cover of Billie Holiday's "God Bless the Child."

Taking tracks from the golden era of modern jazz is a deliberate

ploy, in Savir's words, "to make it easy on the listener, without being too friendly," he adds quickly, lest anyone should think he's even suggesting "easy listening."

As he says, "standards everyone can relate to. Standards are the fuel that run the motor."

So even if you don't know "Straight, No Chaser," you can appreciate Quincy Jones's big band treatment of this classic Monk composition. And again, in contrast with the ensemble

idea, each member of Roy Haynes's quartet gets a minute and a half solo — not too long for the neophyte but long enough for the fan.

The only major absent figure from the period is Miles Davis (on whose rights Columbia seems to keep a tight grip) and we're hardly short of Miles retrospectives.

As Savir points out, even Bill Evans makes an appearance on Kai Winding and J.J. Johnson's "Side by Side."

Savir's theory as to why the early Sixties constituted the golden era is that in those days, the genre was "still developing. Coltrane and Mingus were inventing stuff. And it was before there was so much pressure to sell."

So it is somewhat ironic that the commercial success of *Jazz Is: Standards* augurs so well for the series' second and third parts. In less than a month it has, he says, moved more than 1,000 copies.

Even within the jazz field this is an astonishing figure, given that customers tend to buy according to artist (or, in the case of some connoisseurs, by label).

*Jazz Is: Vocals* is due to be released in the fall, followed by *Jazz Is: Fresh* — a compilation of contemporary sounds.

If they prove to be even half as fine as *Jazz Is: Standards*, then they are well worth waiting for.

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## Money for (historic) kitsch

### AT THE AUCTIONS

Signed prints are around \$1,000 and up, some around \$4,000, with a few documentary sets going well into five figures.

Well, even kitsch becomes valuable if you keep it long enough. Just take a look at the catalog of Sotheby's Tel Aviv sale of early Bezael School and craft shop memorabilia scheduled for tomorrow and its "Early Israeliana and 1000 Years of Zionism" to be offered on Tuesday.

Nobody will claim that Bezael founder Boris Schatz and the teachers at his Jerusalem arts and crafts school were outstanding immortals. But their sculptures, cutouts, silversmithing and craft productions are items of historical interest, and even the worst of their "Bezael Ware" is now worth money. Some modest sets are now being valued at several thousands of dollars and rugs at even more. A silver menorah by Shmuel Kretzmer has an optimistic estimate of \$60,000-\$80,000. A silver filigree spice container by Yehia Yemini, who entered the Bezael workshops at age 12, has an estimate of \$6,000-\$8,000. Kitch ceramic tiles, kiddush beakers, silver mounted Bibles and Torah finials are among the Bezael lots. A set of 20 papercuts by teacher Meir Gur-Arie are estimated between \$25,000-\$30,000.

Among the Israeliana to be sold on Tuesday are paintings, knick-knacks and posters. There's a very fine watercolor by the young Avigdor Arlikha of the dining hall at Ma'aleh Hahamisha in 1947 (\$2,000-\$3,000). The catalog doesn't say so, but shortly after painting this work, Arlikha, a Palmah volunteer, survived being hit in the chest by four machine-gun bullets. Among the portraits is a 1923 lithograph of the young Albert Einstein by Hermann Struck (\$1,500-\$2,000).

Sotheby's sale of Photography of the Middle East, the Holy Land and Israel: 1850-1998, to take place at their Tel Aviv auction rooms on Wednesday, is choice-a-bloc with wonderful images, ranging from early ones by Bonfils, Soskin, Moshe Raviv-Vorobetschik, Shmuel Schweig and Mandowsky of the Twenties to those of Herbert Sonnenfeld, Tim Gidal, Boris Carmel and other photographers of the Thirties and Forties. Contemporary photographers are also well represented. Most of the photography is documentary and historically valuable, but there are also art items like those of the imaginative Pesi Girsch.

THE SHORESHIM (Roots) Gallery at Tel Aviv's Rehov Pinsker is auctioning Israeli paintings and drawings tomorrow, together with a number of lots of silverware and assorted bric-a-brac. But the tiny, poorly organized illustrated catalog offers little guidance as to the quality of the works, even by names such as Rubin, Sternatsky, Wexler, Giladi, Freinkel and others.

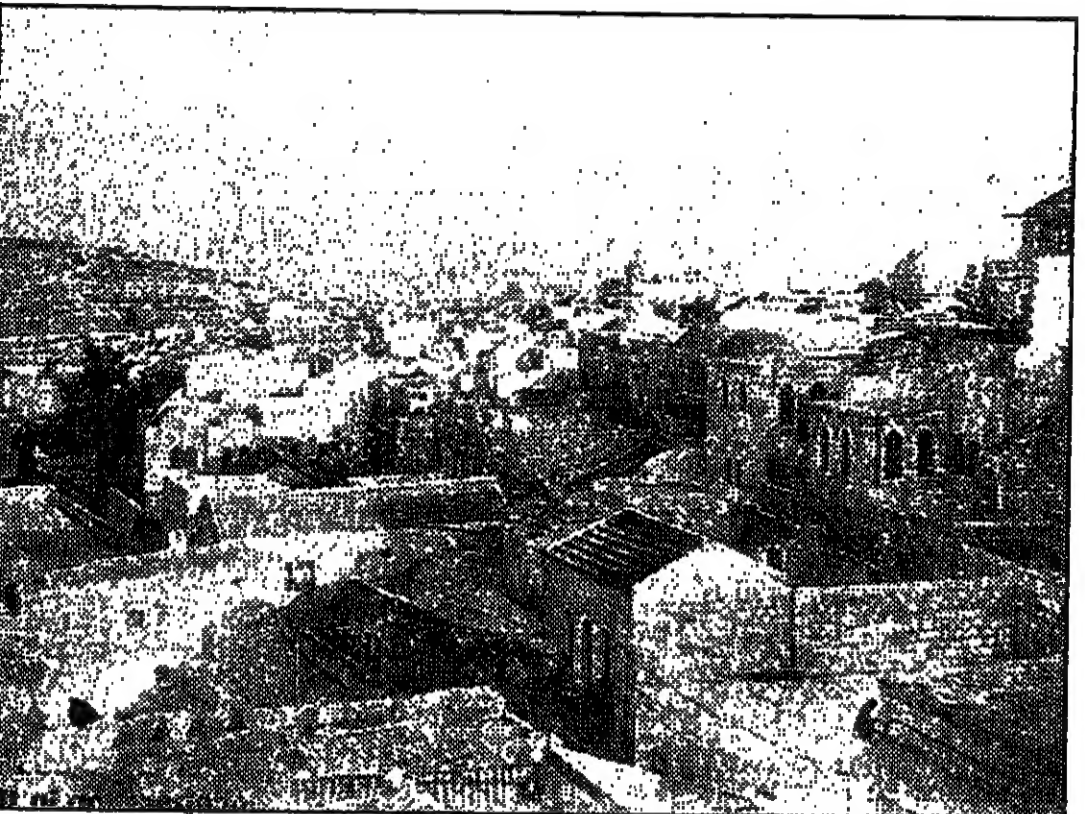
DOZENS OF major paintings, some of them masterpieces, surface at Sotheby's New York sale of Impressionist and Modern Art on May 13-14, which promises to be one of the auctions of the decade. It features, among many other notable items, 10 works from the collection of Rolf and Margit Weinberg of Zurich: Gustave Courbet's famous romantic portrait *Jo, La Belle Irlandaise* (one of four versions of redhead Jo Heffernan, model and mistress of Whistler), modestly estimated between \$2 - \$3 million; two early Picassos, one an amazing watercolor study for the *Demoiselles* (\$150,000-\$200,000) and a Blue Period oil (\$3m.-\$5m.); a fabulous 1912 portrait, *Jewish Girl*, by Alexei von Jawlensky (\$500,000-\$700,000); and works by Frantisek Kupka, Oskar Schlemmer, Natalie Gontcharova, Theo van Doesburg and Fernand Leger. The Weinberg consignment is expected to bring \$10m.

*Après le Bain*, oil, 1896, a *chef d'oeuvre* by Edgar Degas, one of several painted from his own photograph of a model, is a delicious, superbly composed and freely painted canvas of a nude on a towel, seen from the back, which comes from the estate of Wendell Cherry with a not surprising estimate of \$6m.-\$8m. This work is perhaps the most painterly of all its versions, thinly handled, with much semi-dry brushing and scumbling.

Claude Monet's *Le Grand Canal*, painted in Venice in 1908, has a hefty estimate of \$8m.-\$10m. and a Signac of Venice will go over \$1m. Vincent van Gogh's little and late oil of a vase of flowers, 1890, will certainly fetch more than his lower estimate of \$4m. Renoir's *Gabrielle* (\$3m.-\$4m.) and his *Bathers* (\$2.5m.-\$3.5m.) are not his most subtle oils. Two wild Picasso portraits of Dora Maar made during the "phony war" of 1939 have estimates of \$3m.-\$4m. and \$2.5m.-\$3.5m. This sale includes superb pic-



Gustave Courbet (1819-87): *Jo, 'La Belle Irlandaise,'* oils, 1865 (\$2m.-\$3m. at Sotheby's New York)



Shmuel Yosef Schweig: 'Jerusalem's Jewish Quarter,' the 20s (Sotheby's Tel Aviv, \$1,200-\$1,500)

tures by Pissarro, Monet, Rodin, Matisse, Delvaux, Dufy, Bonnard and others. Another 170 lots are offered in Part Two, many of them consigned by New York's Weintraub Gallery, which has closed its doors after half a century of operations.

An eye-catcher in Part Two is an early high-color port scene painted by Auguste Herbin (1882-1960) in Corsica in 1907, which comes

from the collection of Francis E. Fowler and originally purchased by the discerning Paul Cassier before he left to fight for imperial Germany. This joyous Fauvist painting gives no indication that Herbin eventually became France's leading geometrical abstractionist (\$100,000-\$150,000).

A famously lovely oil of a Somme estuary village and hillside by Degas, painted around 1896 and once owned by J. Paul Getty, has an estimate of \$150,000-\$200,000. Its mixture of drawing and painting is superb.

SOTHEBY'S TWO-PART sale of Contemporary Art in New York on May 14/15 has good examples of all the Americans you can think of, plus notable works by Basquiat, Kiefer, Hockney (now a Californian) Eva Hesse and Frank Auerbach. A huge and dramatic 1971 abstracted landscape reflected in a heart-shaped "mirror" by Jim Dine has an estimate of \$200,000-\$300,000.

A WONDERFUL Franz Kline, black ink on paper, circa 1956, is one of the great images in Christie's sale of 20th century Works on Paper to be held in New York May 13 (\$50,000-\$70,000). An early guitar abstraction by Picasso in watercolor and pencil has an estimate of \$140,000-\$180,000.

In its London sale of 20th

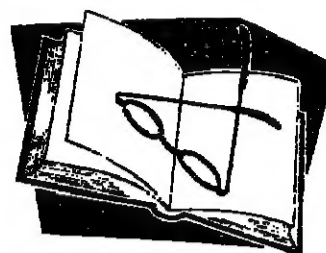
century Art on May 20, Christie's is offering a boldly painted standing mobile by Alexander Calder made in 1969 (\$50,000-\$80,000) and a splendidly dramatic Soulages oil in black and blue (\$50,000-\$70,000). Christie's Irish Sale in London on May 22 features a full-length William Orpen portrait of Edna May (Mrs. Oscar Levisohn), who wears the saddest expression I have ever seen in a painting anywhere (\$80,000-\$120,000).

OILS BY 19th and early 20th century American painters did remarkably well at Sotheby's New York on April 23. Only 46 of the 178 lots went unsold and many works went way over their most optimistic estimates. An Alfred Maurer landscape went for eight times its estimate at \$178,500; two oils by William Merritt Chase went at three times their estimates, the best at \$134,500; and a fine little abstraction by Stanton Macdonald-Wright doubled its estimate at \$48,875. A lovely beach scene by Robert Henri went for over four times its estimate at \$46,000.

INEVITABLY, AUCTIONS have reached the Internet. Engel Auctions (the Engel Gallery, Jerusalem and Tel Aviv), have opened an auction website ([www.engel-art.co.il](http://www.engel-art.co.il)) for bids to be accepted daily between May 17-21. Works by Gutman, Ticho, Ardoin, Castel, Palumbo and others can be seen at this website. The real-time daily auction will take place between 6-8 p.m.

## In pursuit of happiness

### Book Review



By Malcolm L. Johnson

*The Half-Life of Happiness*, by John Casey (Knopf, \$25, \$13 pp.)

From the spare, muscular account of the life passage of a Rhode Island working-class seaman/boatbuilder, the National Book Award-winning *Spartina*, John Casey has turned to a plumper, softer, apparently much more autobiographical account of a middle-age, upper-middle-class lawyer/congressional candidate from Charlottesville, Virginia.

*The Half-Life of Happiness* is a big family novel, told mostly from the viewpoint of Mike Reardon, but with other voices too - those of Mike's daughter, Edith, and his wife, Joss. Yet this time, Casey seems too close to - and too distant from - his people. This is a skillful, often funny but also rueful book, set in two time frames.

Most of *Half-Life* takes place in the 1970s when Mike and Joss are still comparatively young. These sections of the book depict a happiness that comes to a sudden end with a suicide, departures of close friends, the breakup of a marriage.

But the present of the '70s, when Edith and her younger sister, Nora, are children, is periodically interrupted by the older sister, as an adult, reflecting on the past.

The final section of the book, "Twenty Years After," occurs in Edith's grown-up present, when Mike is in his declining years.

Like Mike, Casey is an Irish-American who lives in Charlottesville, where he teaches at the University of Virginia. Casey has a law background and also served in the Navy and as a congressional staff member in Washington. Both naval and political service figure in Mike's background as well.

If elements of the book are clearly drawn from the author's life, some things in the novel feel false, or at least terribly sketchy.

While the characters in the foreground - Mike, Joss and her aristocratic mother, Mrs. Rogers, the two girls, then and now - are fully fleshed out, the supporting cast is less well realized.

At the start of the book, before the Reardons split up, Mike is

depicted as the jovial master of the manor. He, Joss, Edith and Nora inhabit a converted factory above the Rivanna River; their married but childless friends, Edmond (a naturalist) and Evelyn (a veterinarian), live in a cottage on the property; and Tyler (an English teacher at the University of Virginia) holes up in a bungalow, also part of the lordly Reardon domain.

Friends in the Reardon inner circle, taking supper at the communal table, are Ganny (a black woman lawyer colleague of Mike's) and Bundy (a sometimes pugilistic artist).

In time, Tyler introduces a slender, flirtatious beauty named Bonnie into the club, but by then paradise is lost.

Bundy, whom we hardly got to know, has killed himself with a shotgun. Hemingway-style. Then Bonnie - or Bonnie One, as she comes to be known - splits Mike and Joss apart. Though she has played with Mike, it is Joss who becomes the object of her desires.

None of the secondary characters, who also include the black boxer Ezra Pritchett and his crafty wheeling-dealing uncle, Emmanuel, both clients of Mike, is drawn with as much multidimensionality as the people encountered by the protagonist of *Spartina*.

But the most intriguing folks in Mike's life are the women.

Joss, a maker of humorous, sometimes parodistic short films, stands out as the most engaging character by far. Her trademark use of famous movie clichés in appropriate situations shows that Casey knows his pictures. Joss is thorny and sardonic, yet so in love with Bonnie One that she hyperventilates when she watches the light of her life climbing a university tower with a sturdy adventurer named Fiona, who later becomes involved with Mike.

The second intriguingly drawn woman is the so-called Bonnie Two, a flaky psychologist-singer Mike takes on as a client, a confessor and ultimately as a lover. Bonnie Two becomes a key cog in Mike's election campaign after he is drafted for a virtually unwinnable run against an entrenched Republican incumbent.

The scenes from political life drive the book's second half, after its sometimes comic but often overstuffed one-man's family opening, which includes a long lecture by Edmond on male orangutans.

The sharpest moments in the domestic passages come with Casey's depiction of Mike as an authority on everything, much to the amusement of the glassy-eyed recipients of his wisdom. (The Hartford Courant)



Yoel Bergner: 'Jewish Wedding' (\$8,000-\$12,000 at Ben Ami, Dan Tel Aviv, May 16).

## Operation accountability for former Soviet states

### Earthly Concerns



By D'vora Ben Shaul

Only over the past few months have a number of European countries begun talking about a subject that has been almost taboo till now: the responsibility of the CIS states for the legacy of environmental hazards left behind by the crumbling USSR, hazards that affect the lives and well-being of people worldwide.

During the years since the breakup of the once-massive Soviet Union we have become privy to a great deal of information, much of it shocking.

For example, no one should be surprised by Norway's serious concern over the submarine carrying plutonium-laden warheads that is lying under the sea a few miles off that country's coast; recent inspection shows that the casings of these missiles are seriously eroded, liable to disintegrate at any moment.

Were plutonium, which is highly soluble in seawater, to spill into the waters of this great and rich fishing area it would almost certainly destroy the entire marine food chain over an area of many hundreds of square miles, probably damaging a large proportion of the world's sea-based food supply.

The warheads are too far gone

to even consider trying to lift them from the sea; and while there are plans to try to encase them in a sarcophagus made of a special concrete that sets under water, a lot of problems remain - like how to get a proper layer of the cement to go under the crumbling weapons.

Marine engineers are still locked in debate over whether it is advisable to dig under the missiles, or to try to shift them ever so gently onto a prepared concrete floor before enclosure. In any case the project is going to cost many millions of dollars, and the Western nations are the ones that are going to have to pay.

Of course, there's really nothing new about this. Vast sums are being spent by international agencies, all funded by the so-called capitalist countries, to shore up crumbling nuclear reactors in the former USSR and its satellite

countries before all of them go the way of Chernobyl.

But not only has there been, until now, no mention of the former USSR - now called the CIS - shouldering any responsibility; having created the problems, the Russians and other CIS states seem to feel it simply isn't their concern.

More than that Norwegian scientists have been coming up against continual bureaucratic snags that prevent them from even getting to the missiles in order to study the problem. Long obsessed with secrecy, the Russians simply don't want foreigners messing about on their coastline.

It is well-known that these states are bankrupt. Well, so was Germany at the end of World War II - but as soon as it was financially sound, the German people got a hefty bill.

The USSR also lost a costly war, the Cold War, and more and more people are beginning to feel that just as soon as the countries that comprised it are able, they should be made to pay for damage done - whether it was building shoddy reactors, concealing evidence of serious mishaps like the sunken submarine, or illegal whaling carried out over decades with ships so contrived as to create a vapor cloud that made satellite photos impossible. (This play invalidated years of information on whaling and whale populations; the multi-millions of dollars spent on research were simply wasted.)

Right now the West has no choice. Out of pure self-defense it must address the problems and try its best to prevent disaster. In the end, however, the countries that created those problems will have to be made to pick up the tab.

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# Encyclopedic info – from Abdomen to Zygote

By JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

The World Book Medical Encyclopedia, 1998 updated and expanded eighth edition, Chicago, World Book Inc., 1,070 pages, NIS 279 from The Jerusalem Post's Book Department or from World Book's Israel representative at POB 4364, Jerusalem, 91043

What would you say if you were diagnosed with ankylosing spondylitis, azotemia, caustalgia, a persistent Meckel's diverticulum, fifth disease, intermittent claudication, lichen planus, sarcoidosis, syndactyly, velopharyngeal insufficiency or Vincent's infection?

Besides reaching for an ice bag and an aspirin, you'd be best advised to look up these medical mouthfuls in *The World Book Medical Encyclopedia*, which lists nearly every condition known to man – plus many more medical and scientific terms – in a readable, digestible form.

This hefty volume, which – according to my bathroom scale – weighs about three kilos – can be read at one's leisure, page by illustrated page, or consulted when you're puzzled by a specific term used in a newspaper or magazine or tossed off, without further explanation, by your physician.

Thoughtfully produced in large type and with black tabs printed with bunches of letters at a time, it is chock full of illustrations – drawings, charts and photographs in black-and-white or color.

Beginning with abdomen and ending with zygote, the volume has a cornucopia of entries. The majority of them are explained succinctly and clearly. Others, such as AIDS, hypertension, melanoma and ulcers (peptic), include not only a definition, but also questions and answers that get to the heart of the matter.

Not everything is there: for example, if you want to know whether ringworm infections spread by human-to-human contact, you'll have to look elsewhere. It certainly isn't meant for medical students or physicians, but is written for the layman. Although it's aimed at an American or European audience, it is well suited to English-speaking Israelis, except for the use of feet and yards instead of the metric system, and the names of some medications not available here.

When certain subjects demand it, the encyclopedia goes into great detail, such as "Baby Care." Here, there are diagrams of necessary equipment, explanations about feeding and illustrations of recommended baby garments. There is even detailed advice on breastfeeding, wrapping and washing the baby and – if not made obsolete by disposables – how to diaper a baby with a cloth diaper.

The entry on "The Child" describes the preschool, early school, early teenage and teenage years, each with their own characteristics of development and potential problems.

Under "Childbirth: Emergency Delivery," the encyclopedia

explains how to help a baby into this world, even if you're not a doctor, midwife or ambulance driver.

The section on "Choking," with excellent, step-by-step illustrations, is very helpful, especially in Israel, where the health authorities fail to teach every citizen the Heimlich Maneuver, which can save lives by popping a foreign body out of a windpipe. The section on "Death" gives details on death certificates and funeral directors, while that on "Care of the Dying" discusses the actual moment of death and how to comfort the bereaved – subjects not often discussed in material for the general public.

Another helpful topic is "Hospitalization," in which readers are told what to expect when they reach an emergency room; the information is largely valid in Israeli hospitals as well.

A large section – nearly a chapter's length, is given to "Nursing the Chronically Ill." One learns about arranging the bedroom and bedside, dealing with confusion and hysteria, feeding, use of bedpans, preventing pressure sores, sponge baths, taking temperatures and turning the patient.

Five appendices covering the last 130 pages of the volume are refreshing: they include charts of related symptoms (most useful when two or more symptoms are present) such as painful joints with swelling in several joints and without fever can be arthritis, osteoarthritis or psoriasis, while painful joints with swelling and backache can be signs of ulcerative



A step-by-step illustrated guide on first aid for drowning victims is one of the sections in 'The World Book Medical Encyclopedia.'



colitis or ankylosing spondylitis. Appendix II has a pictorial index of symptoms, organ by organ,

while Appendix III gives age-by-age charts of symptoms and diseases, from birth to old age.

Appendix IV explains nutrition and exercise information to maintain health, while the final appendix is

devoted to coping with ageing. Read this encyclopedia in good health.

## Chocolate can send racehorses off the track

By HOLLY WAGNER

Chocolate may be a harmless treat for humans, but it could land a competitive racehorse into trouble with officials. Researchers at Ohio State University found that three horses fed a vending-pack of M&M's chocolate-coated peanuts every day for eight days showed detectable concentrations of the stimulants caffeine and theobromine – substances that are banned for horses that compete in races.

"We would advise that trainers avoid feeding chocolate to racehorses," said Richard Sams, professor of veterinary medicine at Ohio State.

Caffeine and theobromine are banned for racehorses because they have been thought to give horses a competitive edge in races. Trainers whose horses test positive for these substances can lose their winnings and have their horse disqualified.

However, Sams said he doubts the amounts of caffeine and theobromine found in the horses he tested would have given the animals a real advantage over other horses. Sams began the research, which was published recently in the *Journal of Analytical Toxicology*, after a Florida racehorse trainer sent a horse's urine sample to Ohio State for testing when another lab found caffeine in the sample. Sams said the trainer questioned if the M&M's he fed the horse caused the positive findings.

The chocolate in a vending machine bag of peanut M&M's contains six milligrams of caffeine and about 50 milligrams of theobromine. Both substances stay in a horse's system longer than a human's.

"This study helped us learn the way horses eliminate drugs, and by extension the way all animals eliminate drugs," Sams said.

While caffeine is a central nervous system stimulant in horses, as it is in humans, it would take several grams of caffeine to affect the performance of a 400-kilo racehorse, he added.

Sams and Timothy Dyke, a senior researcher in veterinary medicine, fed three mares each 20 peanut M&M's – the average amount found in a vending-machine pack – on a daily basis. This allowed the researchers to determine accurate concentrations of both caffeine and theobromine in the horses. Urine sam-

ples taken five to six hours after eating M&M's on the eighth day of feeding showed caffeine concentrations around 0.05 parts per million and theobromine concentrations at about 9.5 parts per million, enough to show up using current testing methods and enough to disqualify a horse.

"Caffeine and theobromine in these concentrations probably do not physically affect horses," Sams said. Four days later, any trace of caffeine was undetectable

while theobromine concentrations were extremely low – about 0.75 parts per million.

The Association of Racing Commissioners International (ARCI), the association for many regulatory agencies for horse racing in the US, classifies caffeine as one of the drugs that has the greatest likelihood of affecting performance.

"Virtually every drug is prohibited under the rules," Sams said. "The ARCI drug classification

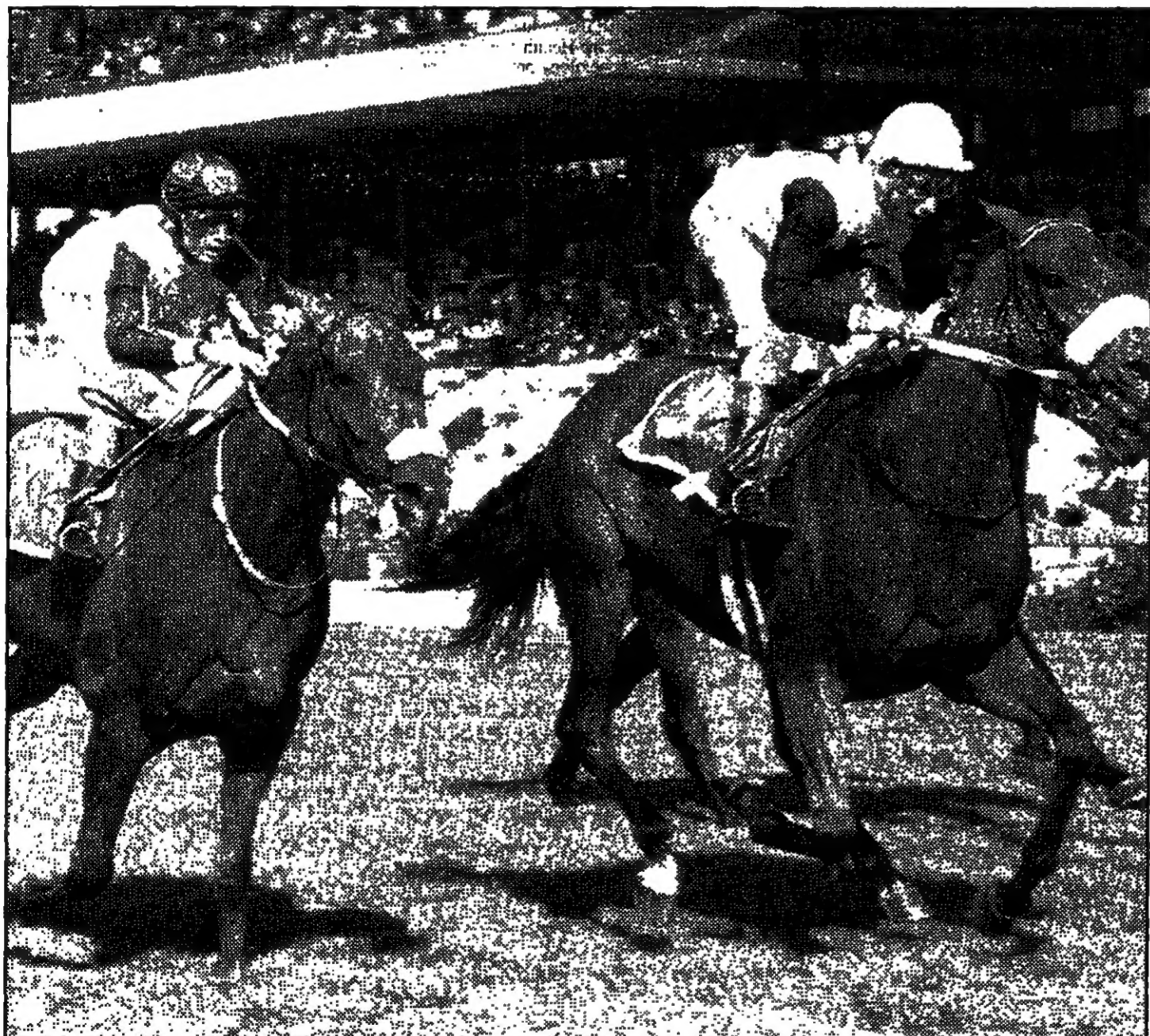
system gives officials who generally have little knowledge of pharmacology some guidance as to what kind of penalties to impose.

"Yet racing regulators are beginning to realize horse racing is not well-served by issuing positive reports for drugs that are present in concentrations that can't reasonably be expected to affect performance in any way," he added.

While officials are gaining knowledge about drug concentrations and becoming more com-

fortable with making decisions about penalties, the rule remains that any foreign substance in a sample collected from a horse is a violation. "Although the Florida trainer was eventually exonerated, he may have spent a few thousand dollars on testing," Sams said. "There's no guarantee that another racing commission won't penalize someone for the same kind of infraction."

(OSU News Research Archive/ Frontiers Magazine)



Trainers who want to feed their horses a snack would do best to stick to treats that don't contain caffeine or theobromine – they can always eat the M&M's themselves. (Brian Hendler)

## San Francisco gorilla finds Internet a jungle

By ANDREW QUINN

Koko, a 120-kilo gorilla, logged on to the Internet recently – and clearly was not impressed. During what was billed as the world's first "inter-species" on-line chat, Koko was far more interested in her toy alligator and dreams of dinner than in answering a barrage of questions from thousands of eager humans.

"I like drinks," Koko said, in one of her more lucid comments during the 45-minute dialogue, "...apple drink."

Koko's foray into the high-tech world of Internet chatrooms was sponsored by America Online and EnviroLink, which together with

the Gorilla Foundation near San Francisco set up the event to publicize the plight of the world's great apes.

Lowland gorillas like Koko are threatened by logging and poaching in their native habitats in central Africa, while their cousins, the mountain gorillas, now number fewer than 500 in the wild.

Koko, who is 26 years old, was seen as the obvious on-line ambassador for her species. Raised and trained near San Francisco, she has studied modified American Sign Language for 25 years and is now said to understand some 2,000 words of spoken English.

Unfortunately, few of these were put into play during

Monday's discussion. "Lips," Koko said, using her codeword for woman. "Koko loves lips."

Dr. Francine Patterson, Koko's tutor and translator, said Koko's relative IQ was about 86 and that she reacts to many situations much like a human child. She dismissed one question about a fellow gorilla with the pithy "toilet" – which Patterson said is her word for "bad."

Koko's laconic approach to the Internet was frustrating for the human chatters, who peppered her with questions ranging from her opinions on Darwinian Theory to her views on the new movie version of *King Kong*. She did manage one shocker – demanding "food and smokes"

for her birthday – but Patterson said Koko was tobacco-free and was really asking for her former pet, a kitten named Smokey.

Kevin Connelly, a spokesman for the Gorilla Foundation, said the cyberchat had gone as well as could be expected and that Koko had actually been cut off at times because the human assistant entering her responses could not type fast enough.

"She was responding to stuff longer than was typed in. The interface was a problem," Connelly said, adding that the event had been filmed and a more complete transcript of Koko's remarks would be made available.

He said that initial estimates indicated as many as 20,000 people logged on to talk to Koko, and that the session had been a success.

"Koko seemed responsive and chatty," Connelly said. "We're happy and we had a lot of media coverage. We hope it gets the message out there about what is happening to the gorillas."

Koko herself seemed unimpressed. After a stop-and-go conversation during which Patterson reported that Koko paused to clean up her room, play with her toys and gaze out the window, the gorilla finally pulled the plug on her Internet audience with a short, sharp command. "Lights off. Good," Koko said. (Reuters)

### AFRICA IN MANHATTAN

Meanwhile, the American Museum of Natural History in New York is this month opening an African jungle, which comes to life on the city's West Side.

The large hall consists of a tree-by-tree, leaf-by-leaf recreation of an African environment, created with help from two dozen ornithologists, mammalogists, designers, audiovisual technicians and exhibition specialists.

According to *Popular Science* magazine, the experts spent five weeks on an expedition to an African rain forest and brought back soil, plants and leaves; they also recorded and documented species, made casts of trees, shot video and still photos and interviewed indigenous peoples.

Plaster trees have been painted and brought to fill the former hall of invertebrates; a real stream has been fashioned; and

preserved animals have been installed to "populate" the area.

Special lighting is intended to give the scene a realistic effect, with loudspeakers producing jungle sounds. There are even tentative plans to reproduce jungle smells.

A multiscreen video presentation will display 700 specimens and models, from microorganisms to mammals, and flying and swimming creatures will hang from the ceiling.

### TURNING DOS TO JAVA

Two-fifths of all personal computers in the world use the DOS operating system instead of either Windows 95 or Microsoft's older version, Windows 3.1. Giga, a US polling company discovered this surprising fact in a recent survey.

Sun Microsystems recently announced its preliminary version of a new program called Java PC, which allows organizations to run the program over its server even if the network of computers attached to it uses DOS. The program allows organizations to use computers with 486 microprocessors, saving them from having to buy new machines.

According to Sun, the program allows a variety of computers to function together, even if some are based on Intel technologies and others use Windows or Unix or are workstations or network computers.

The company says this is important because of the rise in the world market in using Java's multimedia technology to develop commercial and financial applications. Visa International recently announced that it would soon develop a "smart card" based on Java technology, in addition to its conventional credit cards.

### BUSINESS PLANNING

MacMillan Blodell Packaging, North America's largest company for the production of wood products and paper, has bought the Israeli computerized system called e-Plan in a deal worth NIS 7 million.

MacMillan is one of the world's largest producers of sawdust, wood processed for engineering uses, newsprint, wooden floors and wall coverings, with annual sales of \$4 billion. To improve its planning functions, it has purchased e-Plan, which was developed by Eventus Logistics, a Ramat Gan company, in collaboration with Numetrix, a company in Canada.

Bart Feldman, Eventus's managing director, said he was proud that, in less than three months, "we were able to break into the American market. We expect many additional deals."

e-Plan supplements Numetrix's Supply Chain Planning systems and has already been purchased by Osem, Polgar and Tami. It forecasts and plans sales for manufacturers and marketers and helps determine the level of inventory, production, production deadlines and purchase of raw materials, as well as distribution and financial readiness. Eventus says the system can significantly increase a company's profits even when it is first implemented.

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# When the rules get changed mid-game

Foreign universities are vying to open branches here – but not all degree programs will be recognized in Israel. As Judy Siegel-Itzkovich discovers, many nursing students are caught in the confusion

With all the small foreign universities and colleges flocking to Israel to open branches for high school graduates who don't meet the requirements of Israeli universities, would-be students would do best to follow the dictum *caveat emptor* (let the buyer beware). Just as one shouldn't swallow all the advertising claims of soap powders and cosmetics, young people who dream of an academic degree should be skeptical of ads and promises made by these institutions imported from overseas.

According to the Council of Higher Education, of the 160,000 Israelis expected to attend institutions of higher learning in the year 2000, 55,000 will be enrolled in regional colleges and branches of foreign colleges and universities whose admissions standards are lower than those of Israeli universities. Competition is high and curriculum requirements are changing.

But the degrees granted by foreign universities are not necessarily recognized here. The Council of Higher Education can give them only a temporary license to operate for one to three years, under a new law regulating foreign colleges that was passed a few weeks ago by the Knesset.

There will be a transition period during which the Council will organize teams of inspectors to decide on the basis of what is actually taught, whether the foreign degrees are acceptable in Israel.

All the foreign institutions boast in their numerous ads in the press that they have Council approval, but some don't explicitly state that these are temporary licenses to practice, rather than official Israeli recognition of their degrees.

The field of study that has suffered the most shocks in the past year is nursing. Around the world, graduates of nursing schools are increasingly expected not only to pass licensing exams for registered nurses, but to study simultaneously for a bachelor's degree in nursing.

Israel's four academically based nursing schools affiliated to medical schools (Hadassah's in Jerusalem; the University of Haifa/Technion; Ben-Gurion University and Tel Aviv University) adopted this policy years ago.

But now other nursing schools that have been graduating registered nurses without BAs are joining the trend, searching for academic institutions that will grant their students the degree.

A few years ago, Shaare Zedek Hospital's nursing school, which attracts Orthodox young women, mostly from Jerusalem, who want to study the profession in religious surroundings (without male students), signed an agreement with Bar-Ilan University in Ramat Gan. Its nursing students travelled to the Bar-Ilan campus one day a week to study an interdisciplinary program that included some sociology, psychology and related subjects; they were granted a bachelor's degree in social sciences that was recognized by the Health and Finance ministries to qualify for the 10 percent extra pay and speedier advancement granted to university graduates.

Bar-Ilan Hospital's nursing school in Ashdod and Sieff Hospital's nursing facility in Safed also arranged for academic courses for their students. A few hundred nursing students took these courses in regional colleges affiliated with Bar-Ilan, but the program was a Chinese menu of subjects. Although students paid academic tuition (NIS 10,000 a year), their BA was not recognized by the government for the



It's been a year of shocks for aspiring nurses: Increasingly, graduates of nursing schools are required to study for a bachelor's degree in nursing in addition to passing their licensing exams.

pay bonus. (Barzilai and Sieff graduates are planning to appeal to the High Court of Justice to win these benefits.)

The Health Ministry's Nursing Administration, headed by Shoshana Riba, last year insisted that Shaare Zedek nursing students take a BA in sociology instead of social studies to qualify for the pay bonus. But suddenly in the early summer of 1997, the Nursing Administration decided that from 1999, a BA in sociology would not be accepted as a basis of granting nursing graduates academic status.

This would leave nurses with sociology degrees at a distinct disadvantage to securing employment.

Nursing Administration head Riba, working closely with Shaare Zedek nursing school director Haya Greenberger, worked for many months to design a Bachelor of Science in Nursing curriculum to be provided by the Israeli branch of the University of New England (UNE). Based in Biddeford, Maine, on the Atlantic coast, with another campus in Portland, Maine, this small university has a total of 1,600 undergraduate students, 368 graduate students and 398 medical students. According to its Internet site, a fifth of all classes have fewer than 10 students and its student-to-faculty ratio is 17:1. It offers an associate (three-year) or BA (four-year) degree in nursing, as well

as degrees in humanities, exercise science, business management, education, life sciences, physical and occupational therapy.

UNE's branch in Israel is located at the Michlala Le'Yisrael, a small college headquartered in Ma'aleh Adumim outside of Jerusalem. The Michlala is also the home of branches of three other tiny American institutions: New England College, Northeastern University and Clark University. Among the degree subjects offered at these schools are journalism, finance, public administration and educational counselling as well as health system management and health services. Most applicants who meet minimum standards and can pay the fees are admitted; they don't have to pass the tough psychometric exams required by Israeli universities.

Because they are foreign institutions, students here must travel to the US and undergo intensive English courses in order to receive their US-recognized degree.

Amir Tamir, the director of the Ma'aleh Adumim Michlala, says it has over 2,000 students studying at four campuses (Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Haifa and Ma'aleh Adumim) and has been functioning successfully for five years. "The universities are elitist; they don't accept whole groups of people – teachers, nurses and others – who want a broad education but don't meet psychometric requirements," he

says. He maintains that graduates have no trouble getting jobs or their degrees accepted by their employers.

The Jerusalem Post has learned that five senior Health Ministry staffers are employed by the Michlala Le'Yisrael as lecturers: director-general Prof. Gabi Barabash (who is a paid adviser and lecturer in medical administration); associate director-general Prof. Yehoshua Shemer; deputy director-general Gabi Bin-Nun; director of geriatric services Prof. Mark Clarfield; and Kobi Peleg, an adviser to Health Minister Yehoshua Matza.

The fact that the Health Ministry rejected Bar-Ilan's sociology program for nurses, and then helped design and subsequently approve the Ma'aleh Adumim branch's nursing degree curriculum, could raise some eyebrows among those responsible for ensuring civil servants' ethics.

When asked by The Jerusalem Post for comment, Barabash declared that he has been a paid part-time employee of the college for four years – joining the staff before he became director-general of the Health Ministry. He said he knows "nothing about the nursing curriculum or the change in ministry requirements," even though Nursing Administration head Riba is directly responsible to him.

Acting ministry spokesman Yair Amikam said all five senior officials received per-

mission from ministry manpower officials to moonlight at the college, and that he saw no hint of conflict of interest.

Riba's announcement that Bar-Ilan's sociology degree would, from next year, not be recognized as an academic standard for nursing students hit Shaare Zedek like a bolt of lightning. Greenberger had informed students admitted in September 1997 that there were some problems, but that she hoped Bar-Ilan would carry out "promises made over a period of four years to establish its own bachelor's degree nursing program."

The nursing program at Ma'aleh Adumim's Michlala had plans to physically move into Shaare Zedek's nursing school within a few weeks to teach the academic courses. Although the formal contract between Shaare Zedek and UNE's branch here has not yet been signed, the nursing school placed an advertisement that appeared in a Jerusalem weekly two weeks ago, announcing that from the next class to be admitted, a BS in nursing would be awarded jointly with UNE.

The 55 new students admitted last September – caught in limbo between a discredited sociology degree and an as-yet-unrecognized nursing degree from a foreign university – as well as future applicants to Shaare Zedek's nursing

school, are terribly confused. Some say they're considering a lawsuit, while others are looking for ways of getting into Hadassah's nursing school, even though two-thirds of those in the first-year class had psychometric scores below the required 600.

The Council of Higher Education said in an official statement that it was shocked by Riba's disqualification of Bar-Ilan's sociology department program for the nurses, saying that "it's 10 times better than what is described as the BS nursing program at UNE, which is a 'kishkaush' (roughly translated as 'nonsense')."

The Council said Shaare Zedek was a "victim" of sudden policy changes by the ministry, and had no alternative but to hurriedly search for an academic nursing program to take its place. The Council said that instead, Bar-Ilan could add a few nursing-related courses of its own and offer a "much better program than UNE, and that, in any case, the ministry's cancellation of recognition to the Bar-Ilan program was shocking."

The Council has not yet received an application from Bar-Ilan to open a nursing faculty, which takes time to consider. Until now, Israeli universities with nursing schools have all had their own medical school, and this is not the case at Bar-Ilan, the Council said, but approval could nevertheless be possible. Students taking a nursing degree from UNE cannot be certain, at this point, that when they get their diploma in three years, it will be recognized by the Council.

Bar-Ilan spokesman David Weinberg said the university wants to establish its own nursing faculty, and hopes to do it in time for this fall, but that approval was not up to Bar-Ilan. It was not the lack of will or internal problems, he said, that caused years of delays, but the stiff demands for leading nursing experts with PhDs, who must be part of the teaching staff.

After hearing from The Jerusalem Post about the Council's statement that the UNE courses may not be accepted, despite the nearly finalized agreement with the college, Shaare Zedek spokeswoman Orna Cohen hurriedly issued this statement in the name of director-general Prof. Jonathan Halevy: "The nursing school examined the Michlala Le'Yisrael's curriculum and found that it's a good program, with the advantage that all its courses are in the field of nursing, as opposed to the [Bar-Ilan] sociology program, which is not. We had no idea about the views of the Council for Higher Education, and we're hearing this now for the first time. "During all our contacts with the Health Ministry and the Council, we've never heard negative comments regarding the UNE, or that it was possible its bachelor's degree in nursing would not be recognized. As a result, the nursing school has decided to reconsider whether to sign a contract with the Michlala Le'Yisrael, especially as the Council says it intends to push for renewed recognition by the ministry of Bar-Ilan's sociology program."

Shaare Zedek's nursing school director Greenberger concluded that she was "led to believe that the reason Bar-Ilan has not, despite years of promises, established its own nursing faculty was disagreements among senior Bar-Ilan officials about which department would be the home of the school. Whatever the disputes among the various bodies, we are most concerned about the future of our students, so that they will get the degree and the recognition to which they are entitled."

## 'It's silly to suffer needless agony'

By VALERIE FINCHAM

Call it a backlash against the back-to-nature movement or the unstoppable march of technology, but in many American hospital delivery rooms, all-natural childbirth is old-fashioned.

Twenty-five years ago, some women felt ashamed to ask for pain medication while giving birth. Not the mother-to-be of the '90s, she's not embarrassed to demand drugs in pursuit of a less painful delivery.

"I'm not a hero," explains 32-year-old Erin White of Manchester, Connecticut, who recently gave birth to her first child. "It seems silly to me to encourage someone to go through pain that isn't necessary."

The reason for the shift can be summed up in one word: epidural.

Usually safe for both mother and baby, an epidural is an anesthetic delivered by injection near a woman's lower spine. It numbs the body below the injection, allowing a woman to remain alert but more comfortable during contractions and childbirth.

Dr. Anne-Marie Prabulos, an obstetrician-gynecologist in Connecticut, estimates that three-quarters of her patients opt for the epidural, which is administered once labor is under way.

"People don't feel that they need to experience all of childbirth the whole time," Prabulos says with a laugh. "Anesthesiologists are very happy because it's a service for which they get paid extra."

Epidurals, which have been available for years, are not without side effects. Some women are only partially numbed by the medication and experience "windows" of pain. As the medication wears off, some women experience shakes and chills, although this is also common in women who do not opt for medication during labor.

It is allowed to gradually wear off as the delivery approaches so that the mother can feel enough sensation to be able to push the baby out. A woman is not allowed to walk after getting an epidural, because it often numbs her legs.

There is a variation called a "walking epidural": it blocks the pain of labor but doesn't numb a woman's legs. This allows



Many '90s women view no pain during labor as net gain.

her to walk around during labor, which can be more comfortable and hastens labor.

"With some women, the epidural almost becomes more important than the birth itself," says Cheryl Coleman, president of the International Childbirth Education Association, an organization for 9,000 childbirth educators in the North America.

She, too, in recent years has seen a surge in women choosing childbirth with medication. But a "fair number" of women still make the choice of no medication.

"The pendulum keeps going back and

forth," she says.

Cristina Kennedy, 28, had planned on a natural childbirth when she had her first baby two years ago. Her own mother had all five of her children without pain medication.

But Kennedy's plans changed.

"I was in agonizing pain," the East Hampton, Connecticut resident says. "As soon as the epidural started to work, it changed the whole experience for me. I could actually say it was a pleasant experience."

"Some people say it's nice to feel the pushing and the baby coming through. I think it was nice not feeling anything," she says.

IN THE '50s and early '60s, women who wanted pain medication were often given general anesthetics, including a combination of morphine and scopolamine, known as "twilight sleep." The drugs, which sedated both mother and baby, obliterated the memory of childbirth.

But during the 1960s and 1970s, women began to ask to be alert during the birth and refused medication, asking for "natural childbirth."

Barbara McKeever, a registered nurse in her 50s, has seen both the "pain-free" and "natural" years.

"These were women who were rebelling against everything. They were geared to believing in their bodies and what their bodies were capable of doing," McKeever says. During those years, McKeever says, she often had to console mothers who felt like failures for using pain medication.

In the childbirth-preparation classes she teaches now at the University of Connecticut Medical Center, McKeever encourages some pregnant women to explore non-medical options to reduce the need for drugs – options such as relaxation imagery, deep breathing or taking a warm shower.

"The young woman of today, she is a woman who knows her own mind; she is used to being in control, accustomed to planning things out and does not trust her own body to work efficiently," McKeever says.

"They're not confident that they can do this without medical intervention."

Carolyn Malchodi, coordinator of education for the Women's Health Center at Hartford Hospital in Connecticut, agrees.

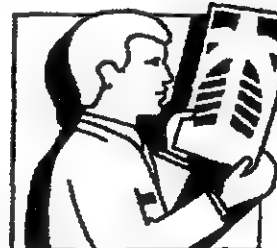
"It seems to me that some women don't have confidence in their ability to birth," says Malchodi, who had her four daughters without medication.

Yet, she adds, "Years ago, you either bit the washcloth, or you went to sleep. What I'm seeing now are women who are informed consumers who look at the risks and benefits of all the interventions."

"If it's safe and it exists, why wouldn't they ask for it?" (The Hartford Courant)

## Drowning second-most common accident among youth here

Health Scan



By Post Health Reporter

Drowning incidents are the fourth most common of accidental deaths in Israel, and in young people up to the age of 24, the second cause of death after road accidents.

Official statistics show that a third of all those who drowned are Israeli Arabs, but the figures don't include foreign workers, tourists or Palestinians.

A new survey on drowning, published in *Harefuah*, shows that each year an average of 57 Israelis drown – mostly in the Mediterranean. The US, by comparison, has a higher drowning rate than Israel, and many victims die in swimming pools, a phenomenon that is much less common here.

About 10 percent of the drowning cases here were ruled to be suicides. Besides Arabs aged 15 to 24, another high risk group is elderly Jews. For every child that drowns, there are another 10 cases of "near-drownings," and one out of nine of these survivors suffers permanent brain damage.

The authors of the report, Rani Goldman (of Sheba Hospital) and Giora Kaplan, Rahel Gurevich and Vita Barrell of the Health Ministry's health services research unit, note that with the

growing number of private swimming pools, Israel should adopt US laws that require a proper fence to be erected around them; this has proven itself in preventing drowning of young children.

The authors note that the fact that most drowning victims are among the 200,000 foreign workers in Israel (something not included in official statistics) demands improved information in a variety of languages and life-saving efforts at the beaches. In addition, the drowning rate among Arabs is expected to increase in the years ahead, as bathing in the sea becomes a more widespread recreation among younger Arabs. Today it is not usually indulged in by their elders.

### ACIDS AND ASTHMA

Chronic cough, hoarseness, asthma and even pneumonia may be caused by reflux – the regurgitation of stomach acids back up to the esophagus and even the larynx due to disruption of contracting movements in the digestive system. According to experts at a recent international congress on the subject in Tel Aviv that was sponsored by the Janssen-Cilag pharmaceutical company, seven percent of the population suffer from reflux daily; 15 percent of them suffer from symptoms once a week and another third have them monthly. Many doctors don't make the connection between reflux and these other complaints. Stomach acid can cause a narrowing of the airways, leading to reversible asthma in addition to problems in the throat, but drugs can relieve and even prevent them if given in time.







## Luyt quits - report

### SA rugby crisis averted

JOHANNESBURG (Reuters) - Controversial South African white rugby boss Louis Luyt has resigned, according to a newspaper interview to be published today.

"Luyt goes," read the front page headline of the Afrikaans daily *Rapport*, which quoted Luyt as saying, "I have resigned from SARFU (The South African Rugby Football Union)." The newspaper quoted Luyt as saying in an exclusive interview that he had resigned for three reasons: he had been abandoned by the SARFU executive, he did not want to damage rugby and he did not want to damage South African rugby's partners Australia and New Zealand.

The black-led National Sports Council (NSC) has called for an international boycott of South African rugby, accusing Luyt of racism and mismanagement.

Luyt told the newspaper, "If the people that take South African rugby forward do not have the backbone to resist the NSC, the government and its fellow travellers, I will act." NSC Chief Executive Mvuso Mbebe said the NSC might withdraw its call for the suspension of rugby tours to South Africa if Luyt quits.

Luyt fought tooth and nail to keep power, but he gradually lost the support of South Africa's rugby powers.

## Karlsruhe, Cologne relegated

BOON (Reuters) - Karlsruhe SC and Cologne could not avoid relegation in the final German first division program yesterday. VfB Stuttgart and Schalke 04 secured UEFA Cup berths.

Stuttgart finished fourth after beating Werder Bremen 1-0 while Schalke came fifth with a 2-1 victory over bottom club Arminia Bielefeld. If Stuttgart beat Chelsea on Wednesday to lift the European Cup Winners' Cup, Hansi Rostok, sixth in the final standings after their 4-2 win over Karlsruhe, will gain a ticket to the UEFA Cup.

Karlsruhe, 16th in the 18-strong table, will play in the second division next season alongside Cologne and Bielefeld.

Cologne failed to improve on their 17th position with a 2-2 draw at home to Bayern Munich. Schalke, who had already secured a ticket to the top flight, remained in the top flight.

## McGwire hits 400th homer

NEW YORK (Reuters) - St. Louis Cardinals first baseman Mark McGwire became the quickest in major-league history to reach the 400-homer mark when he hit a two-run shot against the New York Mets at Shea Stadium Friday.

McGwire accomplished the feat in 4,726 at-bats, 128 fewer than Babe Ruth (4,854). He needs seven home runs to tie former Dodger great Duke Snider for 25th on the all-time list.

McGwire's 13th homer of this season came on an 0-2 pitch from Rick Reed with one out in the third. The long fly ball down the left-field line gave McGwire homers in 29 of the 30 stadiums in which he has played.

Twenty of the 25 players ahead of McGwire on baseball's all-time home-run list are in the Hall of Fame. Eddie Murray, Dave Winfield and Andre Dawson are not yet eligible.

Dawson was the previous player to reach 400 homers, joining the club on April 15, 1993. San Francisco's Barry Bonds (380), Baltimore's Joe Carter (380) and Cal Ripken (372) and Toronto's Jose Canseco (359) also are closing in on the milestone.

Preston Wilson, who made his major league debut Thursday, was 3-for-4 for the second straight night, doubling twice, scoring three times and driving in a run for the Mets. Brian McRae hit a three-run, fourth-inning homer off Cliff Politte (2-2).

Reds 5, Pirates 3, (10) In Pittsburgh, Cincinnati tied it in the ninth inning, then won it on Brock Fordyce's two-run double off Ricardo Rincon (0-1) in the 10th.

The Pirates took a 3-2 lead into the ninth, but closer Rich Loeiselle couldn't preserve it, walking two around Barry Larkin's RBI single - his fourth hit in two games following a 2-for-20 slump.

San Belinda (2-5), who had lost the previous two nights, pitched a score-

less ninth for the victory. Jeff Shaw, pitching for the third day in a row and the sixth time in seven games, got three outs for his 12th save.

Marlins 12, Dodgers 6 In Miami, Jesus Sanchez struck out a career-high 10 and singled home the go-ahead run in a six-run fifth inning as Florida snapped a four-game losing streak.

Cliff Floyd and Charles Johnson each had two hits and three RBIs in the Marlins' highest-scoring game since getting 12 runs against Arizona on April 26.

Todd Zeile hit a grand slam and Todd Hollandsworth had a pinch-hit homer for the Dodgers.

Sanchez (2-1), making his fourth career start, sealed down after Zeile's slam in the first. He gave up six hits in eight innings.

## NATIONAL LEAGUE

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Atlanta	24	11	.686	-
New York	18	14	.563	4 1/2
Philadelphia	14	17	.447	7
Montreal	12	21	.364	11
Florida	12	21	.364	12
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
St. Louis	20	13	.606	-
Houston	19	13	.594	1
Chicago	17	15	.529	3 1/2
Cincinnati	17	15	.529	3 1/2
St. Louis	17	15	.529	3 1/2
Pittsburgh	15	19	.441	5 1/2
West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Diego	23	11	.676	-
San Francisco	18	14	.563	5
Los Angeles	17	17	.500	6
Colorado	16	19	.457	7 1/2
Arizona	8	27	.229	15 1/2

Thursday's NL games: Montreal 2, Colorado 1; Los Angeles 4, Florida 3; N.Y. Mets 4, St. Louis 1; Atlanta 6, San Diego 3; Philadelphia 4, Arizona 1; Pittsburgh 8, Cincinnati 7; Friday's NL games: Chicago Cubs 5, San Francisco 4; (14); Colorado 7, Montreal 5; Cincinnati 5, Pittsburgh 3; (10); Florida 12, Los Angeles 6; San Diego 3, Atlanta 2; Philadelphia 6, Arizona 4; NY Mets 9, St. Louis 2; Milwaukee 4, Houston 1.

Thursday's AL games: Detroit 6, Oakland 3; Kansas City 5, Boston 3; Cleveland 7, Texas 2; Toronto 6, Seattle 0. Friday's AL games: Baltimore 8, Tampa Bay 2; Boston 4, Kansas City 3; N.Y. Yankees 5, Minnesota 1; Texas 6, Cleveland 3; Anaheim 5, Detroit 3; Seattle 6, Toronto 3; Chicago White Sox 5, Oakland 3.

Chan Ho Park (3-1), bothered again by back pain, lasted just 4 2/3 innings in his second-shortest outing of the season.

## AMERICAN LEAGUE

In Minneapolis, Chuck Knoblauch helped make sure his return to Minnesota wouldn't end in another loss, scoring the go-ahead run and making a key defensive play as the New York Yankees beat the Twins 5-1 for their eighth straight victory.

The Yankees have won 22 of 24, including nine straight on the road, and extended their major league-best record to 23-6.

Knoblauch, who was frustrated by five straight losing seasons with the Twins and asked to be traded in the offseason, ignored a night-long chorus of boos from the crowd of 22,612. He came into the game hitting a dis-

appointing 2-0 and was jered every time he batted or made a play in the field.

But the All-Star second baseman went 2-for-5 for his seventh multi-hit game with the Yankees. He also stole two bases, scored twice and added a run-saving defensive play in the eighth.

Hideki Irabu (2-0) won his second consecutive start, allowing five hits and one run in seven-plus innings. Brad Radke (3-3) was the loser.

Red Sox 14, Royals 3

In Kansas City, Missouri, Bret Saberhagen stayed unbeaten and reminded Kansas City fans why they got so upset when he was traded, and Boston had its biggest hit total in eight years as the Red Sox trounced the Royals.

## Ortola & Devil Rays 2

In St. Petersburg, Florida, Eric Davis hit his third homer in two games and Harold Baines snapped a seventh-inning tie with a two-run, pinch-hit single to lead the Baltimore Orioles over the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

Davis, who homered twice in a loss at Cleveland on Wednesday, has hit five home runs in his last four starts. He led off the seventh against Albie Lopez (0-1) with a drive over the right-field wall to tie it at 2-2.

## Rangers 6, Indians 3

In Arlington, Texas, Juan Gonzalez doubled home the go-ahead run in a three-run eighth inning, and the Texas Rangers snapped the Cleveland Indians' six-game winning streak.

Lee Stevens added a solo homer for the Rangers, who had dropped four straight.

Rusty Greer walked to open the eighth off Jose Mesa (3-1) and scored when Gonzalez doubled for his major league-leading 42nd RBI. Gonzalez then took third on a wild pitch and scored on catcher Pat Borders' throwing error.

## Sabres were caught napping on a 2-0 lead.

Sabres goaltender Dominik Hasek played brilliantly and finished with 46 saves.

## Washington 4, Ottawa 2

In Washington, Adam Oates' breakaway goal snapped a second-period tie and Olaf Kolzig made 36 saves as the Washington Capitals held on for victory over the Ottawa Senators in the opener of their Eastern Conference semifinal series on Thursday.

Four different players scored for the Capitals, who needed less than one game to rattle goaltender Damian Rhodes, something the top-seeded New Jersey Devils could not do in six games in the opening round.

Washington also benefited from a pair of favorable officials' calls in the third period and won Game One of the fourth straight playoff series. Game Two was yesterday at Washington.

## Blues remain only unbeaten team in NHL playoffs

DETROIT (AP) - The St. Louis Blues remained the only unbeaten team in the NHL playoffs, beating the Detroit Red Wings 4-2 Friday night behind Jim Campbell's two third-period goals in the opener of their second-round series.

Todd Gill and Brent Hull also scored for the Blues, who swept the Los Angeles Kings in the first round. Martin Lapointe and Tomas Holmstrom scored for the Red Wings, who are trying to become the first team since 1992 to repeat as Stanley Cup champion.

Game 2 of the best-of-7 Western Conference series will be played this afternoon at Joe Louis Arena. Action then shifts to St. Louis for Games 3 and 4 beginning Tuesday night.

It was the first game for St. Louis since sweeping the Los Angeles Kings in April 29, and the Blues were 1-0 in their first game since they were 1-0 in their first game before they really even knew they were in the playoffs.

Wings hadn't played since Sunday when they eliminated Phoenix in six games.

## Sabres 3, Canadiens 2, OT

In Buffalo, New York, Geoff Sanderson scored off a rebound 2:37 into overtime to lift the Buffalo Sabres over the Montreal Canadiens in the opener of their Eastern Conference semifinal series.

Sanderson, who also scored in the first period, grabbed Brian Holzinger's rebound and beat Canadiens goaltender Andy Moog with a wrist shot into the top half of the net.

It marked the first time in 14 games that the Canadiens lost a game in overtime. Montreal nearly pulled out a victory after coming back from a 2-0 deficit in the third period.

Tyler Stenson and Vincent Damphousse scored 10 seconds apart with less than six minutes remaining in regulation to tie the game as the

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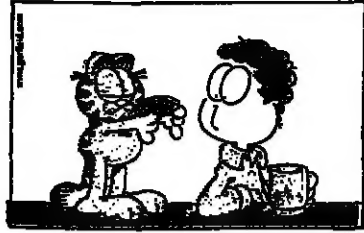
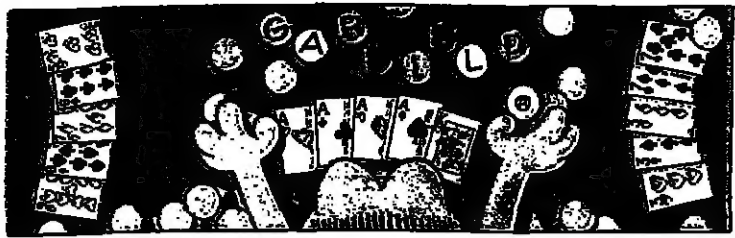
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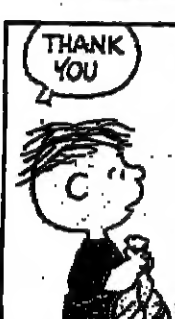
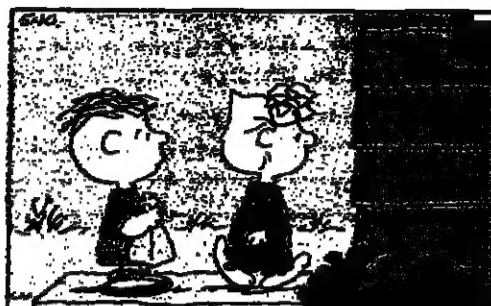
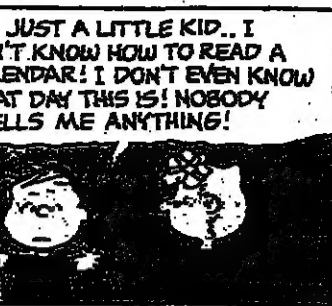
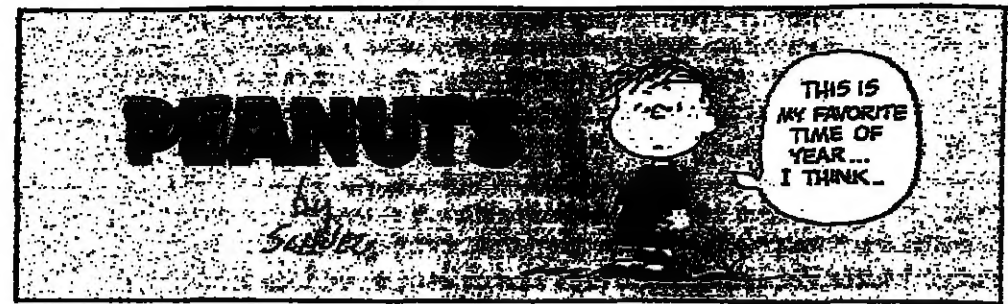
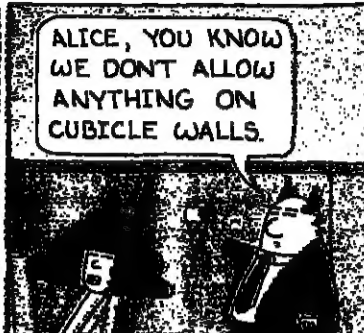
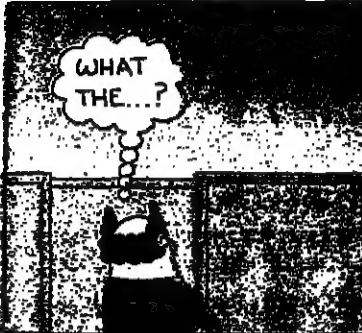
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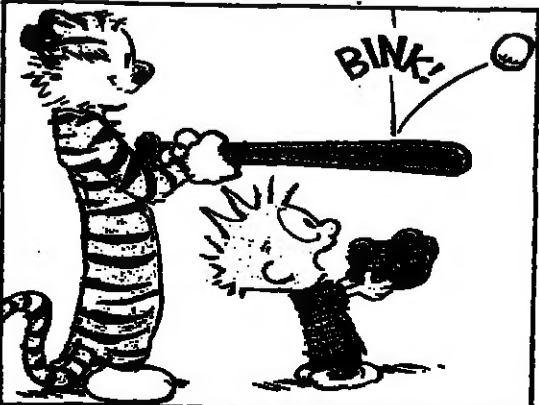
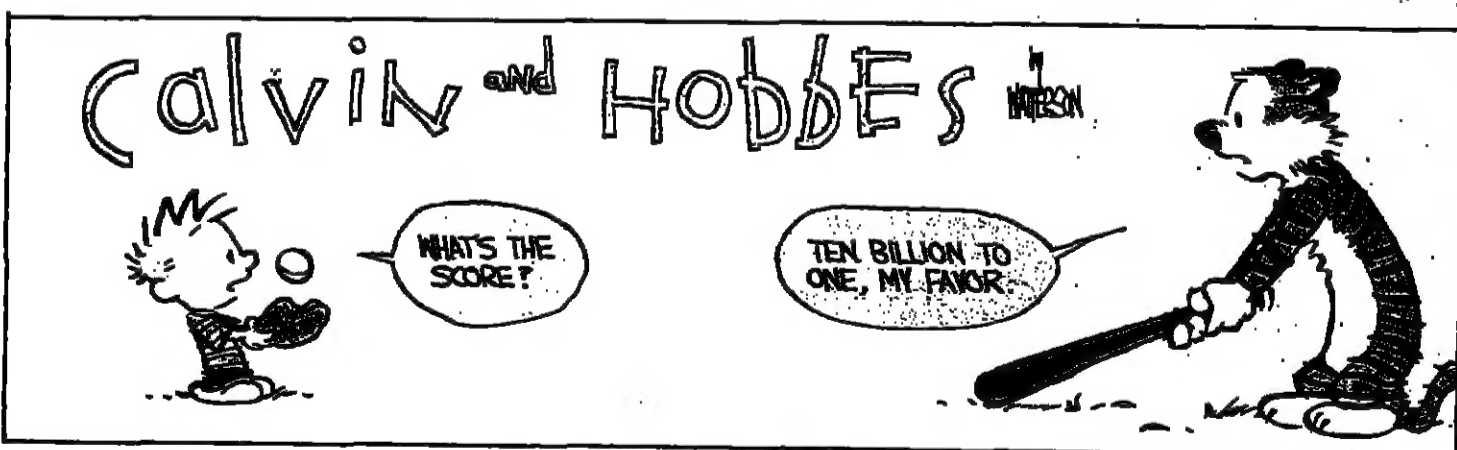
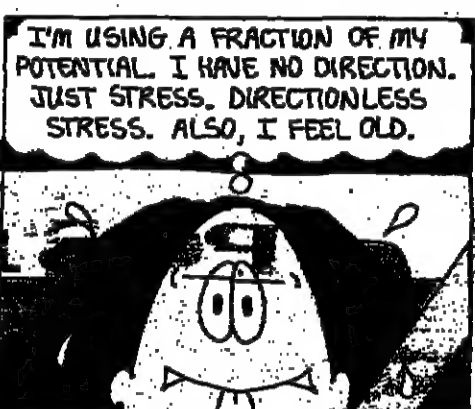
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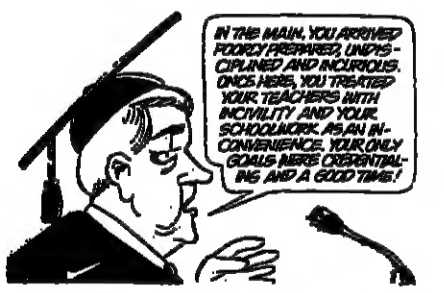
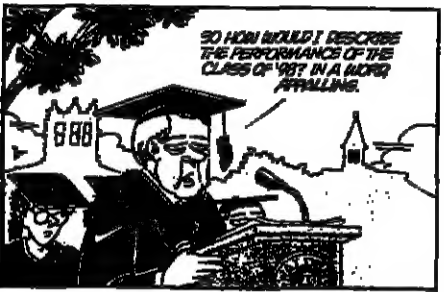


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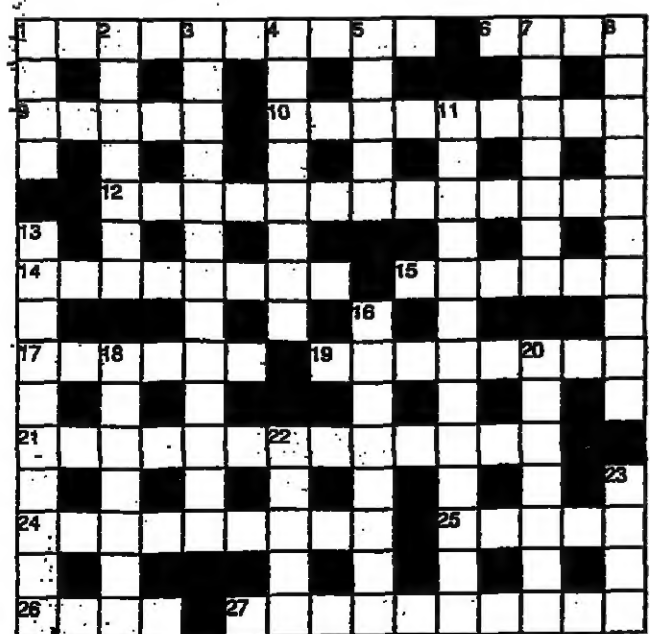
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  - 10 Miss Italy? (9)
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  - 14 Type of music boat race crew would like? (3,5)
  - 15 Type of music to make an alto struggle? (6)
  - 17 Notoriously inspecting the cladding (6)
  - 19 Ships and other underwear (8)

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- 1 Get money for some counselling (4)
  - 2 It helps one look you in the eye, when giving you the news (7)
  - 3 Try undeniable criminal, but condone offence (4,1,6,3)
  - 4 Gave up work, accepting the inevitable (8)
  - 5 Nigel finally moves to other side of river (5)
  - 7 Nothing to confine thought (7)
  - 8 Mark, say, is leaving set confused (10)
  - 11 May be seek a hobby? He has one already (13)
  - 13 Motionless, like farm animals? (5-5)
  - 16 Spanish town where girl receives amazing tan (8)
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  - 20 Flaga, sensing sickness (7)
  - 22 Store oxygen in solid form (5)
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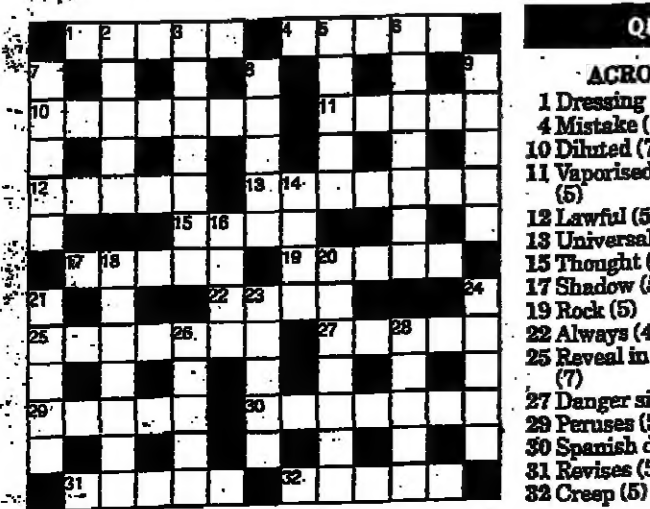
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- ACROSS
- 1 Dressing (5)
  - 4 Mistake (5)
  - 10 Diluted (7)
  - 11 Vaporized water (5)
  - 12 Lawful (5)
  - 13 Universal (7)
  - 15 Thought (4)
  - 17 Shadow (5)
  - 19 Rock (5)
  - 22 Always (4)
  - 23 Reveal in private (5)
  - 27 Danger signal (5)
  - 28 Peruses (5)
  - 30 Spanish drink (7)
  - 31 Revises (5)
  - 32 Creep (5)
- DOWN
- 2 Top room (5)
  - 3 Main artery (7)
  - 5 Ascended (5)
  - 6 Swam over (7)
  - 7 Abide (5)
  - 8 Proverb (5)
  - 9 Grin (5)
  - 14 Relaxation (4)
  - 16 Act (4)
  - 18 Parliamentary report (7)
  - 20 Coach (7)
  - 21 Twenty (5)
  - 23 Poetry (5)
  - 24 Jordanian capital (5)
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20:00	Thru	It Will Be OK	Clueless	Friends	Sweet Valley High	Earth Views		
21:00	Fact	E.R.	Friends	La Femme Nikita	Beverly Hills 90210	21st Century Ark		
22:00	World Champions	Vengeance	Yair Lapid Live at 10	White My Pretty One	Undercurrent			
22:30		Seinfeld	Ricki Lake					
23:00								

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# Betar clinch National League crown

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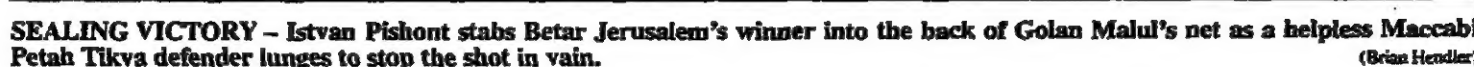
## Godwin wins Eisenberg tourney

**By HEATHER CHAIT**

The doubles title went to Israelis Noam Bett and Eyal Erlich after their South African opponents Godwin and Nainkin defaulted, due to Nainkin's injured shoulder.

Soroka Hospital, three of them from the police and three fans. Maccabi Haifa's Alon Mizrahi ends the campaign as the top scorer with 18 goals.

**Net. Jerusalem 1, Mac. PT 0**  
Maccabi Petah Tikva coach Moshe



In the 29th minute Yossi Alulskis fed the ball through to Stefan Salloi, and the Hungarian deftly sent a back-footed kick towards fellow countryman Istvan Pishoni who turned and guided the ball past the reach of Golan Malul in the Petah Tikva goal. As the Jerusalem hordes sang their hearts out in the background Betar began to find some confidence, and four minutes before half time Malul demonstrated quick reactions by ricing out of the area to deny Pishoni from jinking a second composite, evidenced by the sending off of Tomer Aluzai for a wild challenge three minutes from time. By then the Jerusalemites and their supporters were in a panic. Amsalem, one of Betar's better performers kicked the ball into the stands at the halfway time in an effort to waste a few more precious seconds. Injury time saw Betar weather some last-ditch Maccabi pressure before Levy brought the proceedings to an end with the final whistle, and hastened the massive rush onto the

Eight minutes later, as the radio announced Istvan Pishoni's goal in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv's fans were silenced, but, a cheer that was louder than any cheer heard yesterday afternoon was heard as Hapoel's fans mistook an equalizer at Rishon for an equalizer at Teddy only to discover their mistake seconds later. Mario Mastromir-

Meir almost scored a second only a minute later, but his well struck shot from outside the box was met by an equally spectacular save from goalkeeper Shavit Elimelech who tipped the ball over the bar.

**Hap. Beersheba 1, Mac. Haifa 0**  
Yossi Benayon's injury-time penalty was too little too late as the Negev side crashed into the second division for the first time in 27 years. Beersheba didn't know that only seconds earlier Bnei Yehuda had scored the winning goal in their match against Ironi Rishon. Their result made Beersheba's effort completely futile on the day.

**NATIONAL LEAGUE:** Hapoel Kir Sava 1, Maccabi Herzliya 2; Hapoel Ashdod 2, Hapoel Tel Aviv 3; Hapoel Petah Tikva 3, Hapoel Jerusalem 2; Hapoel Be'erSheva 1, Maccabi Haifa 0; Ironi Rishon LeZion 1, Bnei Yehuda 2; Hapoel Haifa 5, Hapoel Beit She'an 2; Bnei Jerusalem 1, Maccabi Petah Tikva 0; Maccabi Tel Aviv 7, Ironi Ashdod 1.

**SECOND DIVISION:** Hapoel Bat Yam 3, Hapoel Lod 2; Maccabi Kiryat Gat 3, Hapoel Ashdod 3; Ness Ziona 2, Zakhim Holon 2; Hakoah Ramat Gan 1, Maccabi Jaffa 3; Hapoel Taiba 3, Maccabi Kfar Kana 2; Bnei Sakhnin 6, Maccabi Netanya 3; Betar Tel Aviv 4, Hapoel Ramat Gan 0; Maccabi Yarme 3, Maccabi Acre 8.

National League	P	W	D	L	A	Pts
Reps Jerusalem	20	9	1	7	71	33
Harod Ramat Aviv	20	21	5	4	44	68
Hapoel Haifa	18	17	9	4	40	27
Hapoel Haifa	18	17	9	8	49	34
Hapoel Petach Tikva	18	12	6	12	41	42
Hapoel Ashdod	18	12	6	10	35	39
Hapoel Beer Sheva	18	12	6	12	39	38
Hapoel Netanya	18	9	9	12	37	36
Mac. Petach Tikva	18	8	12	10	28	34
Ironi Ekron Lezama	18	10	6	14	42	35
Hapoel Jerusalem	18	8	10	12	52	34
Ironi Ashdod	18	8	9	13	39	33
Hapoel Beer Sheva	18	8	7	15	35	31
Hapoel Beer Sheva	18	8	7	15	31	31
Hapoel Netanya	18	7	9	14	38	28
Hapoel Ashdod	18	5	6	19	26	21

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# Celtic end Rangers' nine-year reign

Old Firm rivals Rangers could have pipped Celtic for the crown if Celtic had drawn or lost to St Johnstone as Rangers won 2-1 at Dundee United with goals from Brian Laudrup after 31 minutes and a penalty from Joerg Albertz after 53 minutes.

# Bulls charge past Hornets, for 2-1 series lead

But the Bulls took control by halftime and led by 15 at the end of three quarters as Jordan was able to shake free from a variety of defenders. Pippen played his usual outstanding floor game and Dennis Rodman grabbed 17 rebounds and scored 10 points.

Jackson also moved Jordan to the point on defense, confusing the Hornets and forcing the NBA's third-best 8-point shooting team into a 2-for-15 performance from

Corie Blount dunked off O'Neal's pass inside that launched 12 straight points by the Lakers, boosting their lead to 110-93 with about 2 1/2 minutes left.

O'Neal completed two three-point plays in the spurt. He hit 10 of 20 free throws for the game.

**Thursday's games**

On Thursday, the Indiana Pacers beat the New York Knicks 85-77 to take a 2-0 series lead, while the Utah Jazz also went 2-0 up over San Antonio Spurs with a 109-106 overtime win.

## Everton's Bilic prepares for 'game of his career'


But despite all the tension, Bilic, the former Hajduk Split, Karlsruhe and West Ham star, admits the fixture is one he is looking forward to.

"It is not the biggest game of my career but it is definitely the most important. I have played a lot of big games and I have won some trophies and played in some finals but nowhere has the situation been like

In other action, Juergen Klinsmann, who scored four goals in Spurs' 6-2 win over Wimbledon last week which meant they would keep their premier league place, plays his final match for the club at home to Southampton, while relegated Barnsley make their farewell to the premier league at home to Manchester United.

Relegated Crystal Palace, who have finished bottom, will be attempting to win only their second home league match of the season against Sheffield Wednesday.

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City	Today		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday	
	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low
Ariel	31/08	16/01	28/78	12/53	28/84	12/53	28/82	11/52	28/82	9/45
Beersheba	29/84	15/61	27/80	12/53	28/82	14/57	28/82	13/55	27/80	11/52
Dead Sea	35/97	22/71	31/88	16/64	34/93	20/68	34/93	19/66	33/91	17/62
Eilat	35/87	23/73	33/91	18/64	34/93	20/68	35/95	19/64	35/95	15/68
Haifa	29/82	18/04	28/77	11/54	27/82	17/29	27/80	18/51	27/80	14/57
Jerusalem	28/82	14/57	24/75	12/53	25/77	12/53	25/77	11/52	25/75	13/55
Katerin	30/88	15/59	24/75	10/50	28/82	8/49	28/82	8/49	27/80	7/44
Netanya	27/80	15/59	28/79	14/61	27/80	16/61	27/80	16/61	27/80	16/61
Tel Aviv	27/80	15/59	28/79	16/61	27/80	15/59	27/80	15/59	27/80	15/59
Tiberias	33/91	23/85	33/94	18/64	33/96	17/52	33/99	18/51	31/88	14/57

Weather (W) = sunny, (pc) partly cloudy, (cd) cloudy, (sh) showers, (th) thunderstorms, (r) rain, (s) snow flurries, (sn) snow, (H) ice.

# INTERNATIONAL CITIES

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Amsterdam	28/78	17/62	28/84	17/62	25/77	14/57
Beijing	21/70	11/52	19/68	12/53	28/79	18/65
Berlin	28/82	17/29	28/84	17/29	29/77	14/57
Buenos Aires	28/77	17/29	28/84	17/29	29/77	14/57
Calcutta	25/77	13/55	31/88	16/61	31/88	17/62
Chicago	19/68	10/50	22/71	11/52	23/71	11/52
Frankfurt	27/80	15/59	28/84	15/59	24/75	12/53
Hong Kong	28/82	23/73	28/82	23/73	28/82	24/73
London	19/64	9/45	20/68	9/45	22/71	9/45
Los Angeles	19/64	12/53	23/73	9/45	19/64	7/44
Los Angeles	21/70	14/57	23/73	10/50	23/71	8/49
Madrid	23/73	10/50	19/68	8/49	21/70	8/49
Mexico City	32/85	13/55	28/84	14/57	28/82	14/57
Moscow	17/62	12/53	21/70	11/52	21/70	10/50
Mumbai	27/82	8/49	29/77	11/52	20/68	4/39
New York	19/68	10/50	19/64	10/50	19/68	12/53
Paris	25/77	14/57	28/84	14/57	27/80	12/53
Peking	28/79	12/53	27/80	13/55	24/75	12/53
Rio de Janeiro	28/82	20/68	29/77	18/65	27/80	21/70
Rome	25/77	13/55	24/75	13/55	24/75	13/55
Sydney	19/68	12/53	21/70	13/55	21/70	13/55
Taipei	22/71	14/57				